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THE NEW MUTANTS

**SPECIAL
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THE BIRD-BOY HAD LED THE NEW MUTANTS TO AN ISLAND CALLED PARADISE, IN A FUTILE ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIS ANI-MATE FRIENDS, HIS LIKE-CREATURES, FROM THEIR VICIOUS CREATOR, THE ANI-MATOR. NOW, THOUSANDS OF FEET BELOW THE SURFACE OF PARADISE...

YOU WILL NEVER BE MEN... BE GIVEN CLOTHING... HAVE A NAME!

I SHALL DESTROY YOU! I SHALL DESTROY YOU ALL!

SUSPENDED ANI-MATION!

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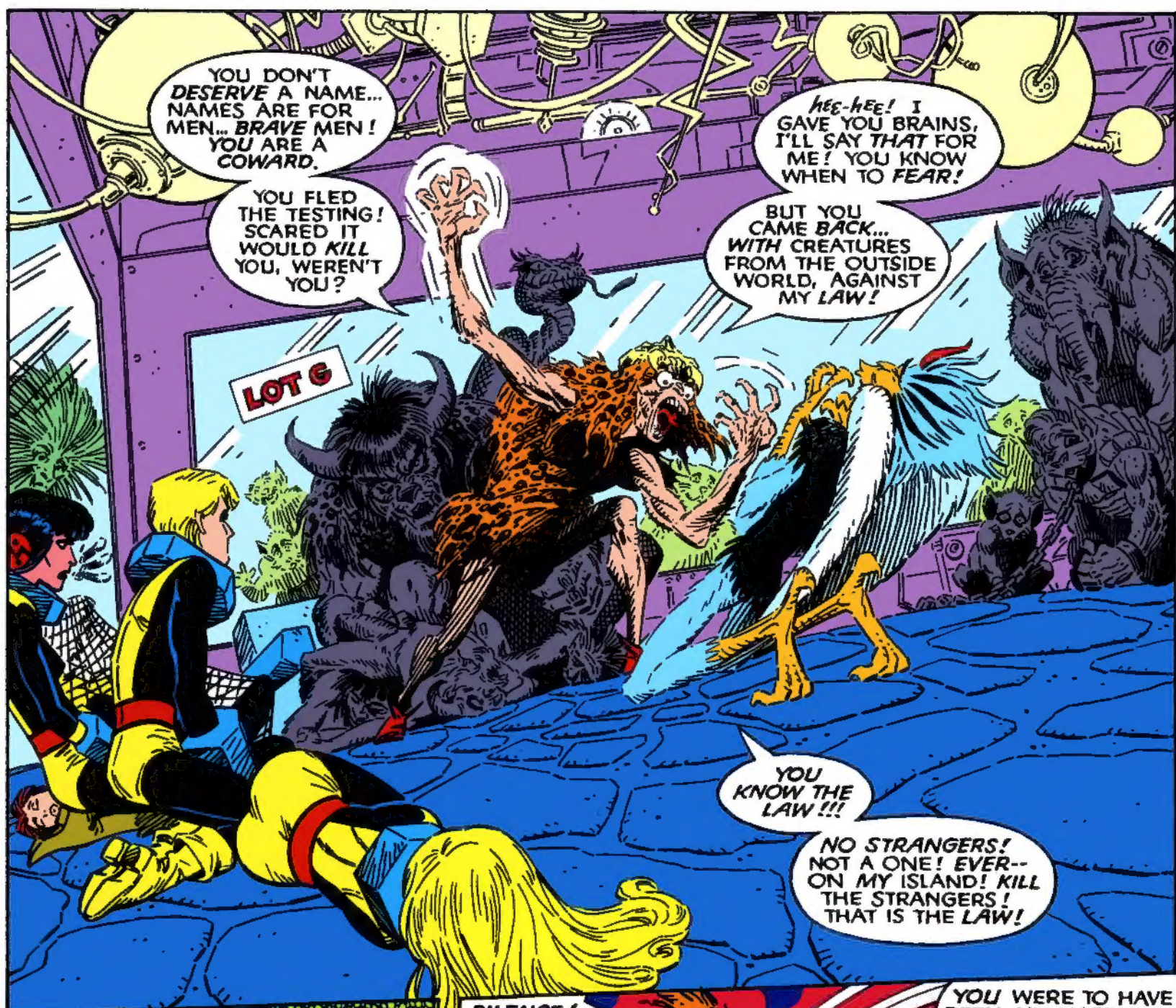
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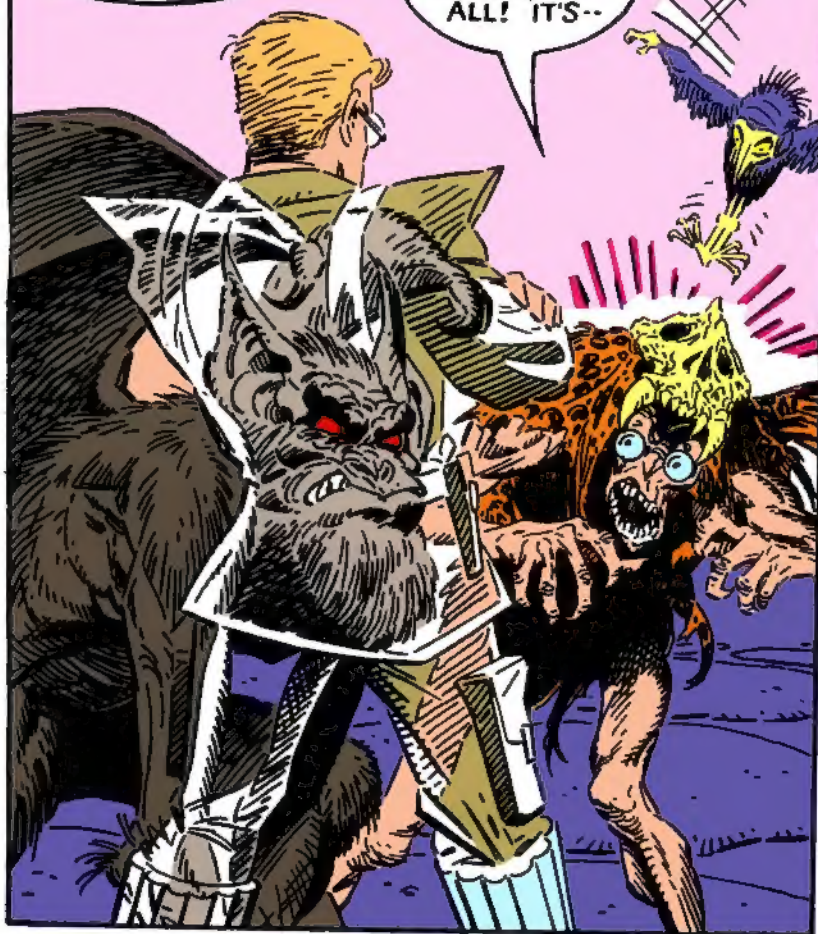


GUNCH!

YOU KNOW ME, COMMANDER, SIR! I WOULD NEVER FLOUT YOUR ORDERS! NO INSURRECTION HERE! OH, NEVER!

WHAT--? HE WALKED RIGHT THROUGH YOU! HE--

WAIT! YOU AREN'T COMMANDER HODGE, AT ALL! IT'S--



--ONE OF YOUR MIRAGES! ILLUSION!

YOUR FEAR... YOUR GREATEST FEAR...!

YOU KNOW NOT WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH!

SURE, WE DO. A MAD, PAVLOVIAN FRANKENSTEIN!

FAH! YOU KNOW NOTHING... ARE NOTHING. MUTANTS! NOT EVEN HUMAN.

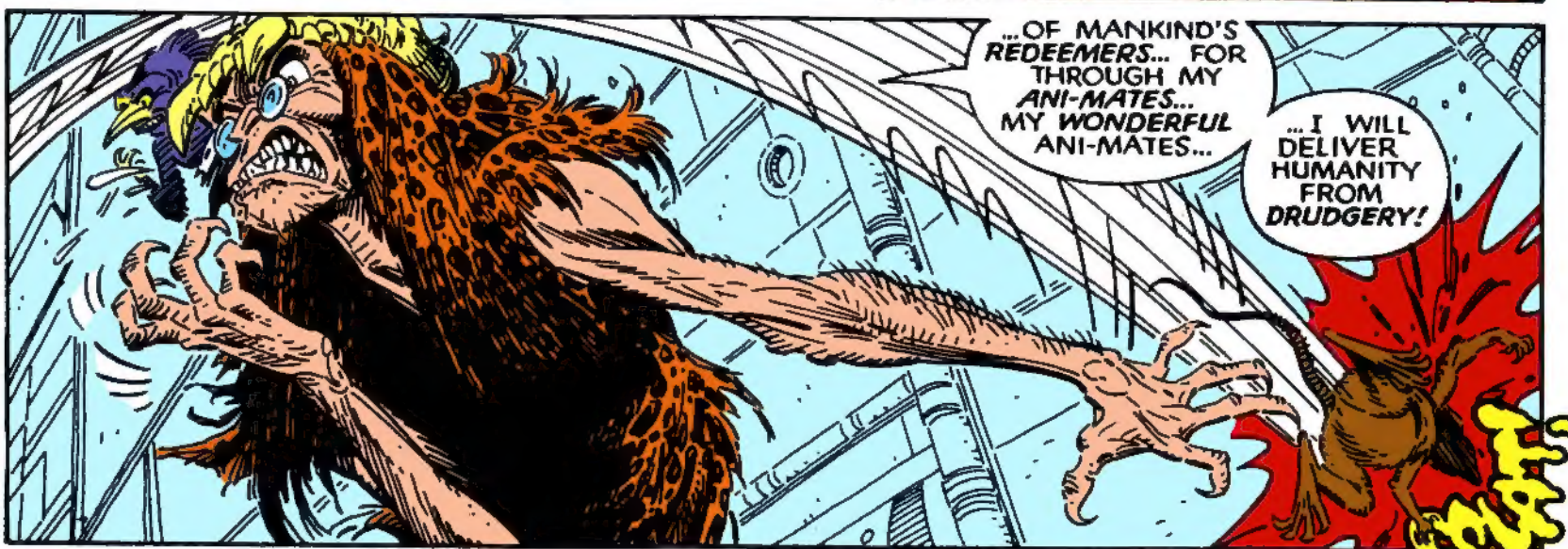
NATURE HAS SCRAMBLED YOUR GENETIC PATTERN MORE THOROUGHLY THAN I EVER COULD, EVEN WHILE IT GAVE YOU POWERS BEYOND HUMAN.

AND CHANCE GAVE YOU TO ME... A GIFT... AN OPPORTUNITY! hee-hee! I WON'T PASS UP! BELIEVE ME, I WON'T!

YOU MUTANTS KNOW NOTHING OF CURIOSITY, OF THE JOY OF DISCOVERY... oh PRECIOUS JOY...

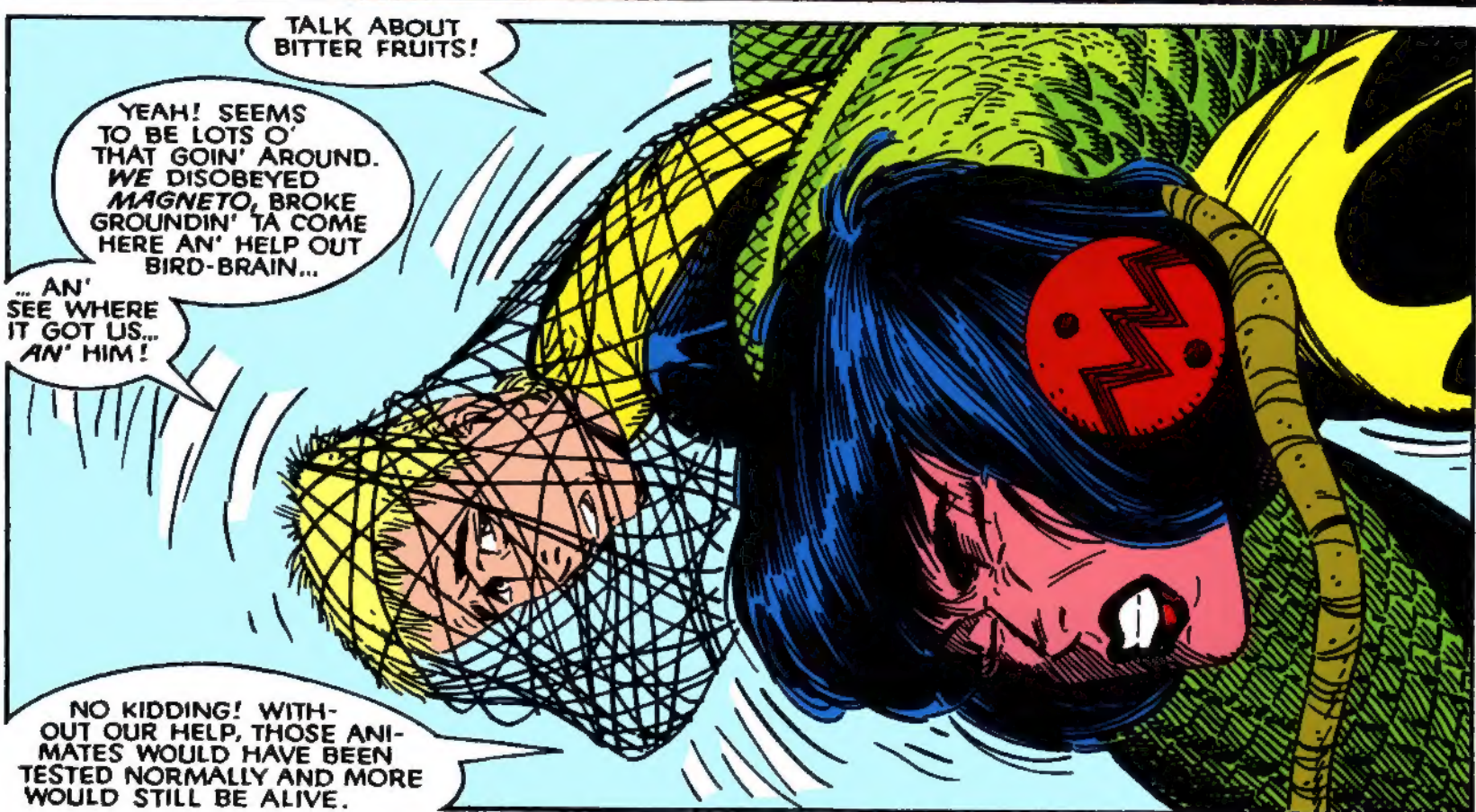
...OF CREATION... IN WHICH YOU WILL PLAY YOUR HUMBLE PART-- AS PARTICIPANTS... PROGENITORS IF YOU WILL...

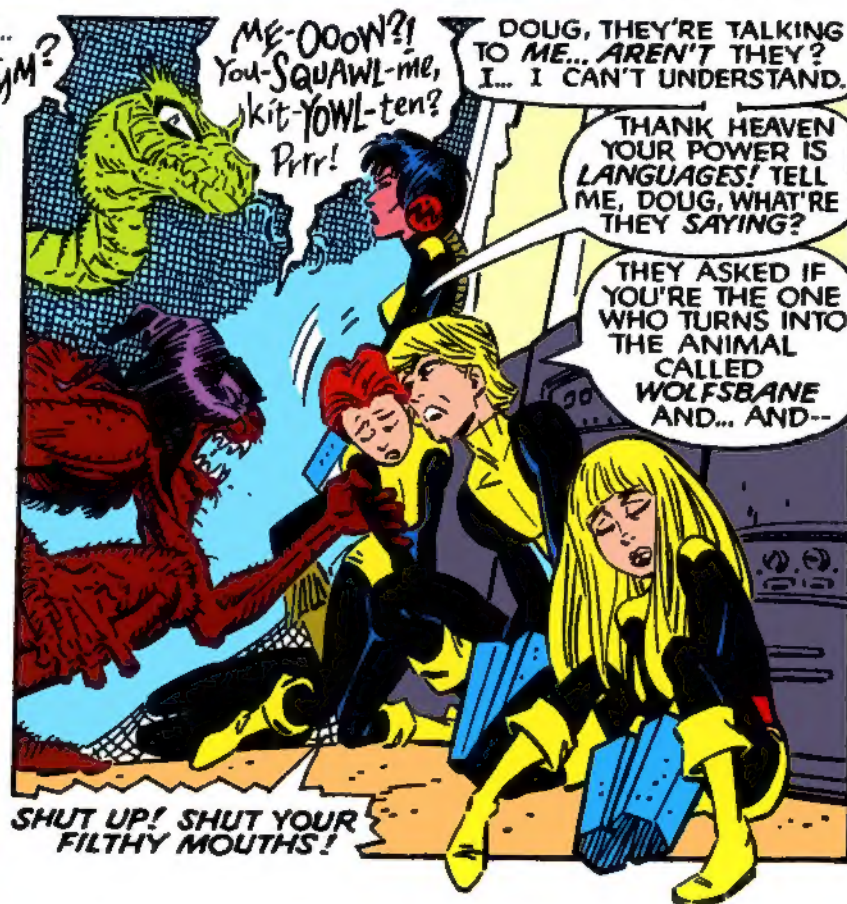
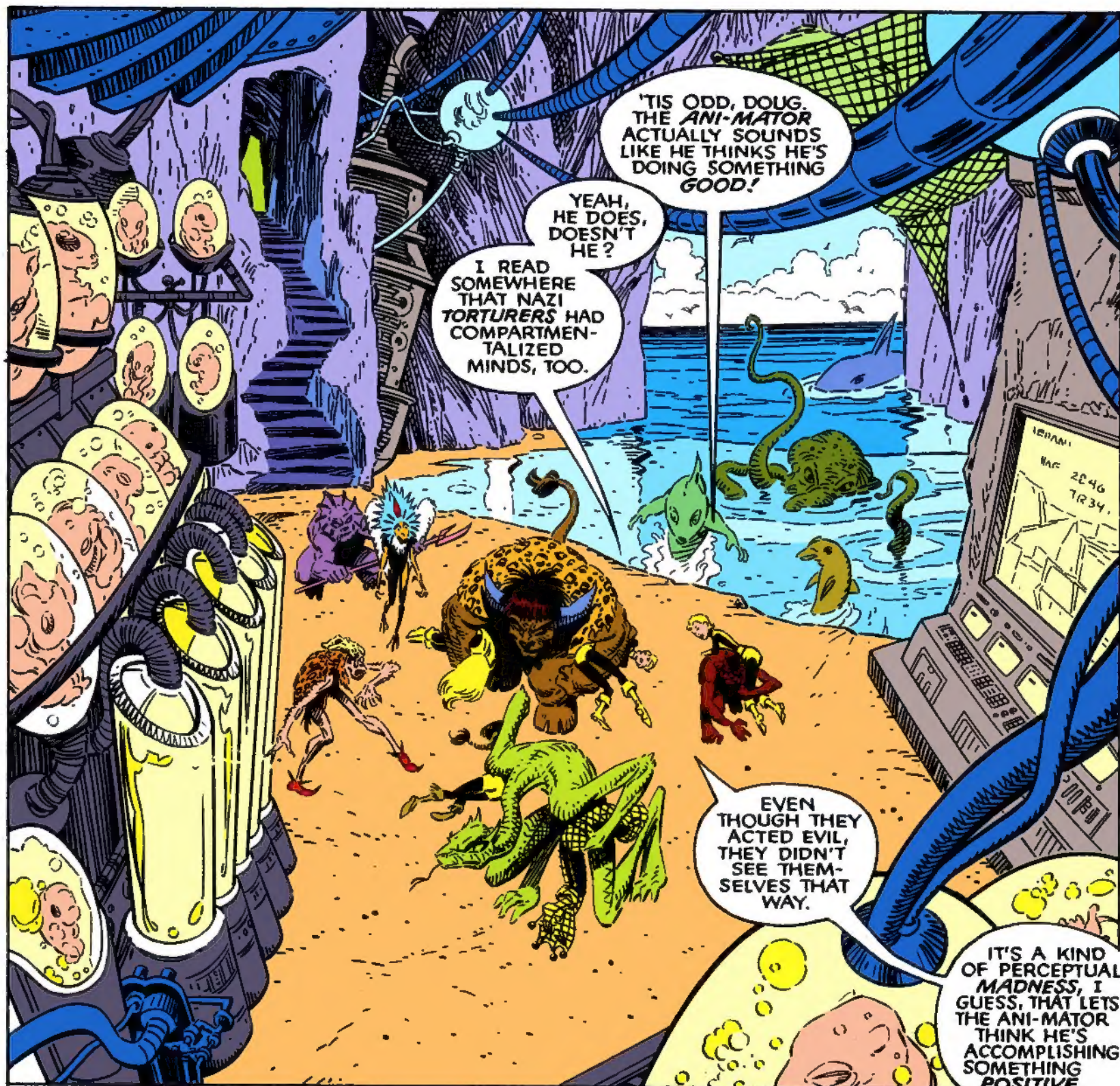
...OF MY SLAVE RACE...

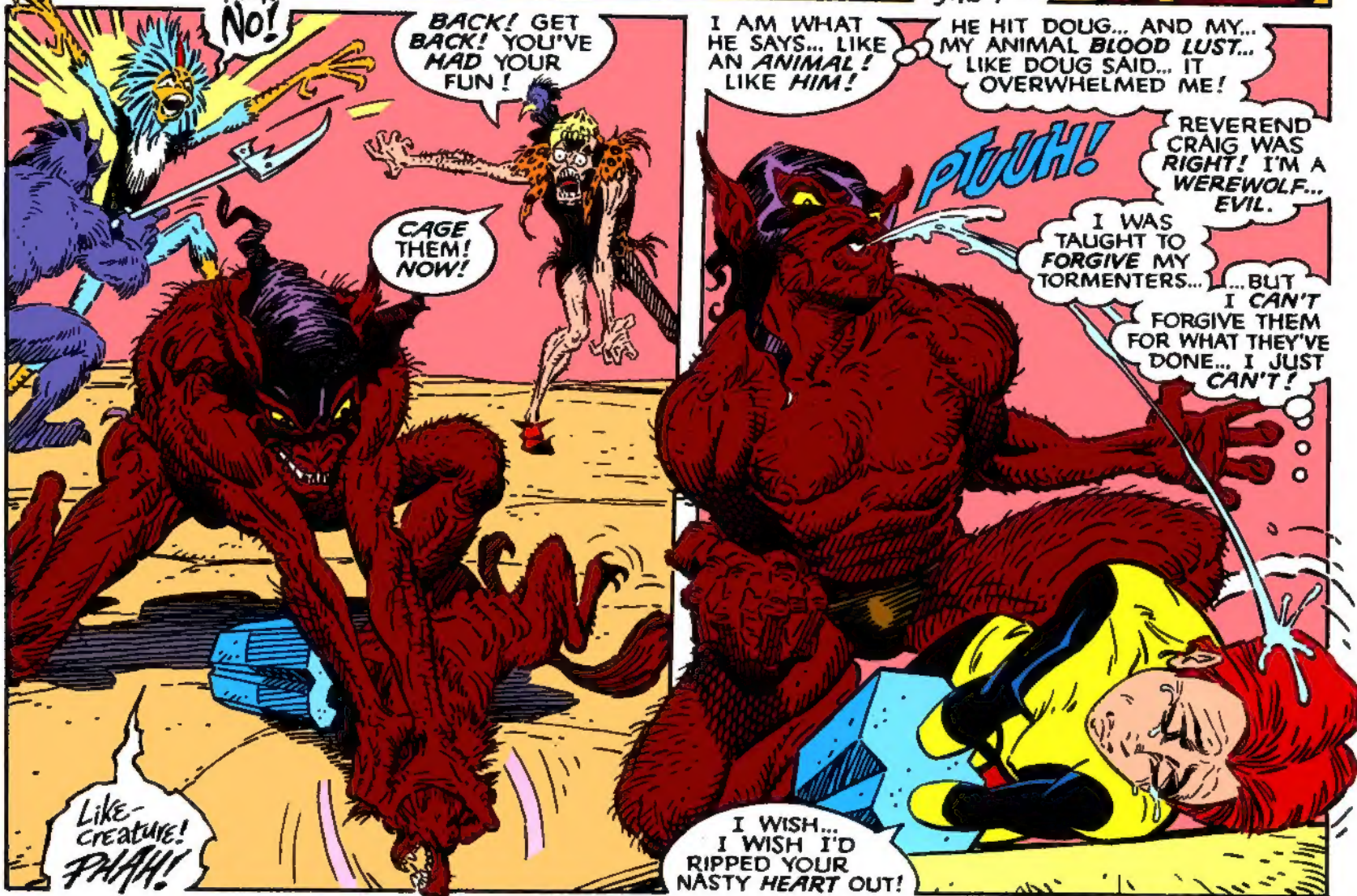
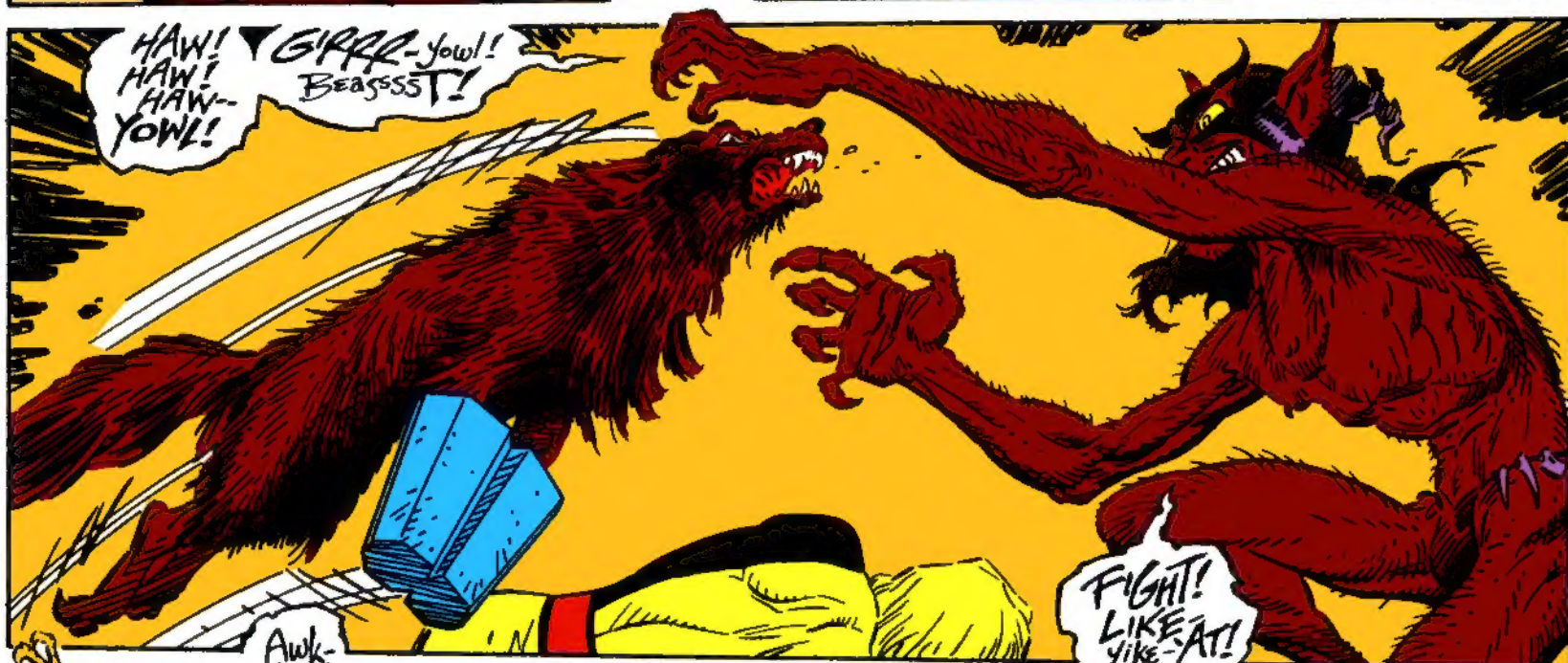


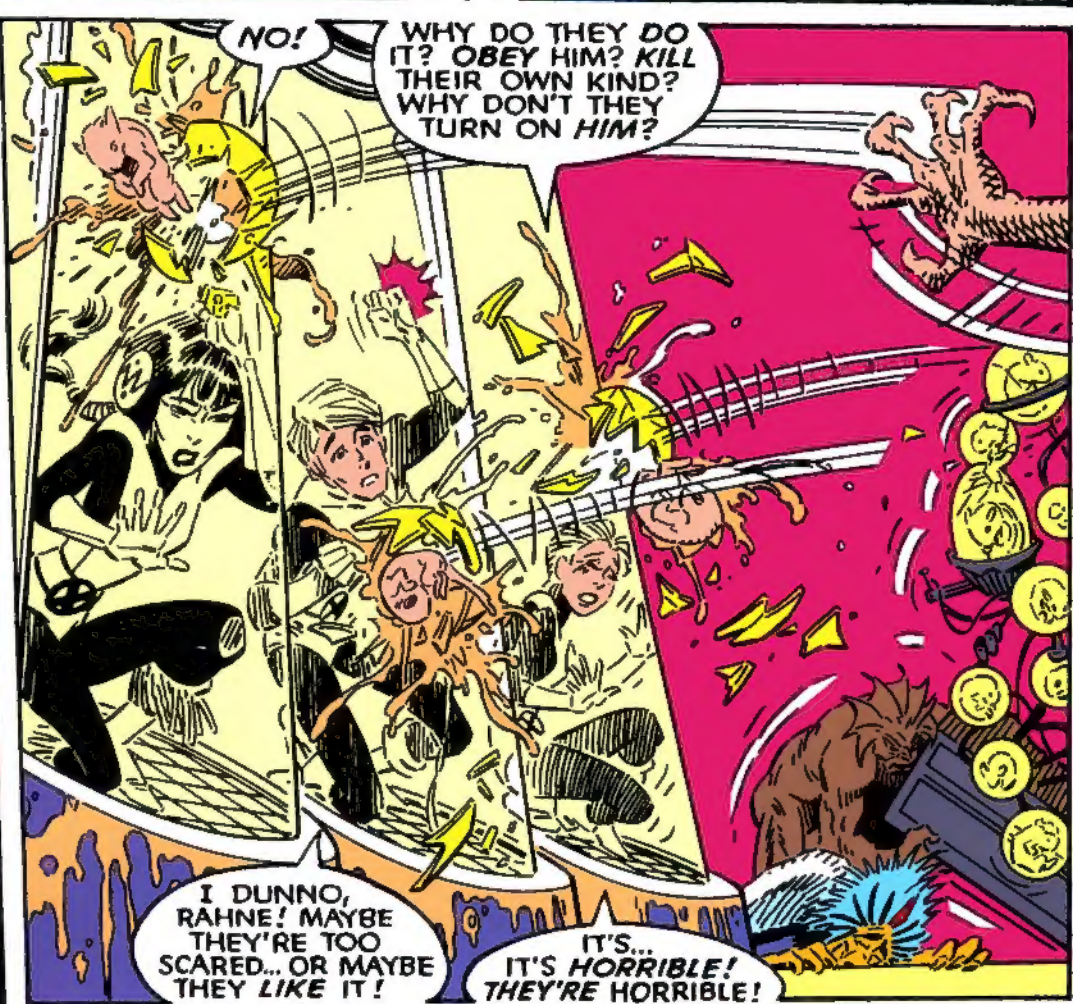
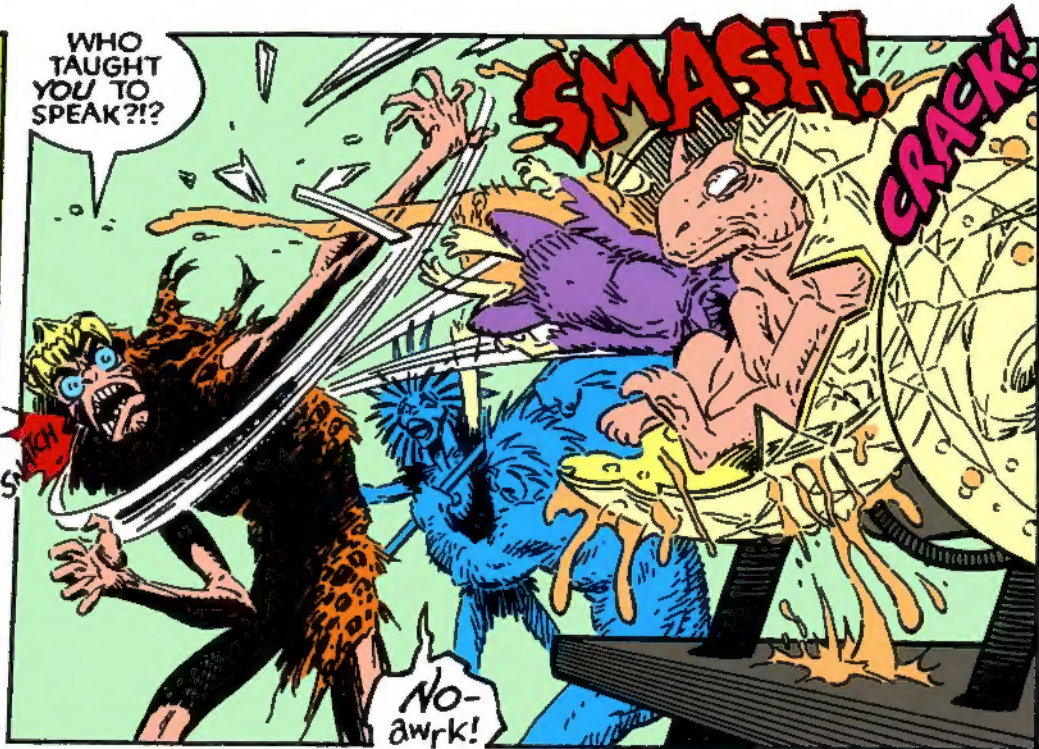
...OF MANKIND'S REDEEMERS... FOR THROUGH MY ANI-MATES... MY WONDERFUL ANI-MATES...

...I WILL DELIVER HUMANITY FROM DRUDGERY!









RAHNE, LISTEN! I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I SAID EARLIER! ABOUT ANIMAL LUST! I DIDN'T MEAN YOU!

DON'T BE ASHAMED OF HAVING AN ANIMAL FORM. BIRD-BRAIN'S A MAN-ANIMAL AND HE'S GREAT, ISN'T HE?

AS GOOD AS ANY HUMAN, BETTER THAN SOME!

AND YOUR POWER'S REALLY USEFUL! ALL I CAN DO IS DECIPHER LANGUAGES.

AT LEAST YOU CAN DO SOMETHING! I MOSTLY FEEL PRETTY HELPLESS... ESPECIALLY AT TIMES LIKE THIS.

WE'RE ALL HELPLESS RIGHT NOW, DOUG!

I DON'T HAVE AN ANIMAL FORM, RAHNE, BUT WHEN WE GET OUT OF HERE, AND WE WILL...

...YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO STAND IN LINE FOR THE CHANCE TO RIP OUT THAT MONSTER'S THROAT!

WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?

WELL... THE ANIMATOR HAS A BOSS HE'S SCARED OF! IT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S CHEATING HIM.

YEAH! MAYBE WE CAN TURN IT TO OUR ADVANTAGE. BUT WHO IS IT... AND WHERE IS HE WHEN WE NEED HIM?

I WONDER WHERE MAGNETO IS! HE MUST KNOW WE'RE GONE AND WE LEFT LOTS OF CLUES BACK AT THE SCHOOL...

HE'LL FIND US... AND THEN HE'LL USE HIS MAGNETIC POWER TO RIP THIS PLACE APART!

MAGNETO'S SMART. HE HELPED ME ONCE WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE IN LIMBO!

PROFESSOR XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR GIFTED YOUNGSTERS! HA!

MAGNETO'S SCHOOL OF MISSING STUDENTS WOULD BE A BETTER NAME!

EXCLAMATIONALARM! SELF WAS CERTAIN THAT SELFRIENDOUG WOULD BE WAITING FOR SELF!

WHERE HAS HE GONE? WHY IS HE NOT HERE? MIGHT HE NOT BE IN TROUBLE? SHOULD WE NOT GO TO SAVE HIM?

YEAH! ME AN' 'LOCK COME HOME AND THE OTHERS RUN AWAY! NOT MUCH OF AN IMPROVEMENT, IS IT?

GLASS SCATTERED ON THE FLOOR! DANI'S HORSE GONE FROM THE PASTURE!

ALL OF THEM-- EVEN BIRD-BRAIN-- GONE... VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE!

QUERY: DEFINE BIRD-BRAIN, MAGNETOTEACHERSIR!

THE BIRD-BOY! SURELY YOU READ ABOUT IT IN THE PAPERS!

MY STUDENTS SECRETLY RESCUED HIM... WERE BEGINNING TO CIVILIZE HIM... SOMEWHAT...

...WHEN A CHILDISH DARE LANDED THEM IN TROUBLE WITH THE MALT SHOPPE!

THEY SHOULD NEVER HAVE ACTED SO IRRESPONSIBLY! I GROUNDED THEM!

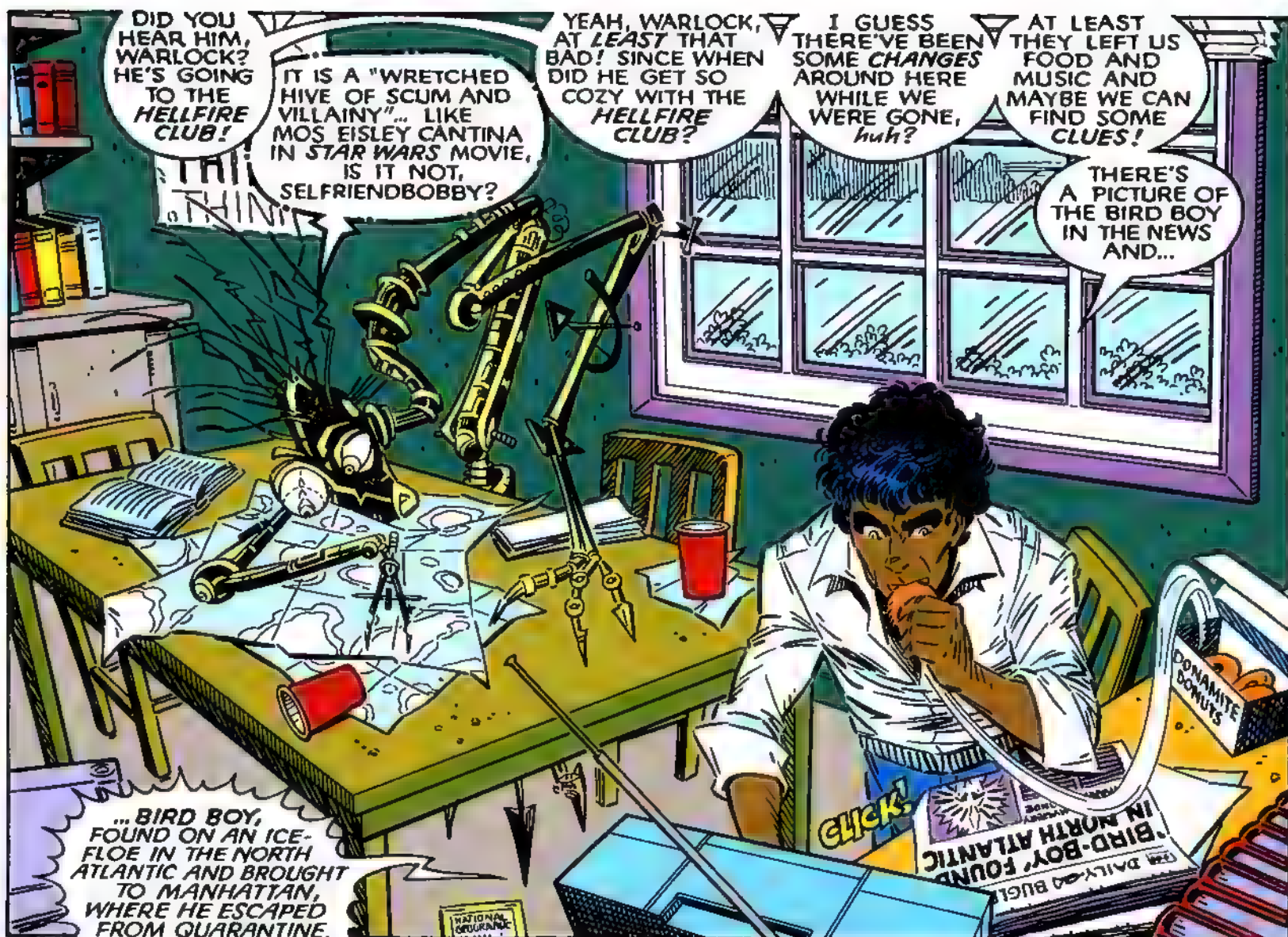
I DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE XAVIER'S KNACK FOR KEEPING MY STUDENTS SAFELY AND QUIETLY AT SCHOOL...

...BUT I KNOW HOW I MIGHT FIND THEM!

MAGNETO-TEACHERSIR, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO THE HELLFIRE CLUB... TO LOCATE MY MISSING STUDENTS THROUGH THEIR MUTANT LOCATION EQUIPMENT!

AND REMEMBER, BOY! WHATEVER HAPPENS, YOU AND WARLOCK ARE TO REMAIN HERE!



DID YOU HEAR HIM, WARLOCK? HE'S GOING TO THE HELLFIRE CLUB!

IT IS A "WRETCHED HIVE OF SCUM AND VILLAINY"... LIKE MOS EISLEY CANTINA IN STAR WARS MOVIE, IS IT NOT, SELFRIENDBOBBY?

YEAH, WARLOCK, AT LEAST THAT BAD! SINCE WHEN DID HE GET SO COZY WITH THE HELLFIRE CLUB?

I GUESS THERE'VE BEEN SOME CHANGES AROUND HERE WHILE WE WERE GONE, huh?

AT LEAST THEY LEFT US FOOD AND MUSIC AND MAYBE WE CAN FIND SOME CLUES!

THERE'S A PICTURE OF THE BIRD BOY IN THE NEWS AND...

"... BIRD BOY, FOUND ON AN ICE-FLOE IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC AND BROUGHT TO MANHATTAN, WHERE HE ESCAPED FROM QUARANTINE.

NOTHING FURTHER WAS HEARD FROM HIM UNTIL LAST NIGHT WHEN HE ALLEGEDLY ROBBED A McBURGER'S AND FLEW NORTH TOWARD...

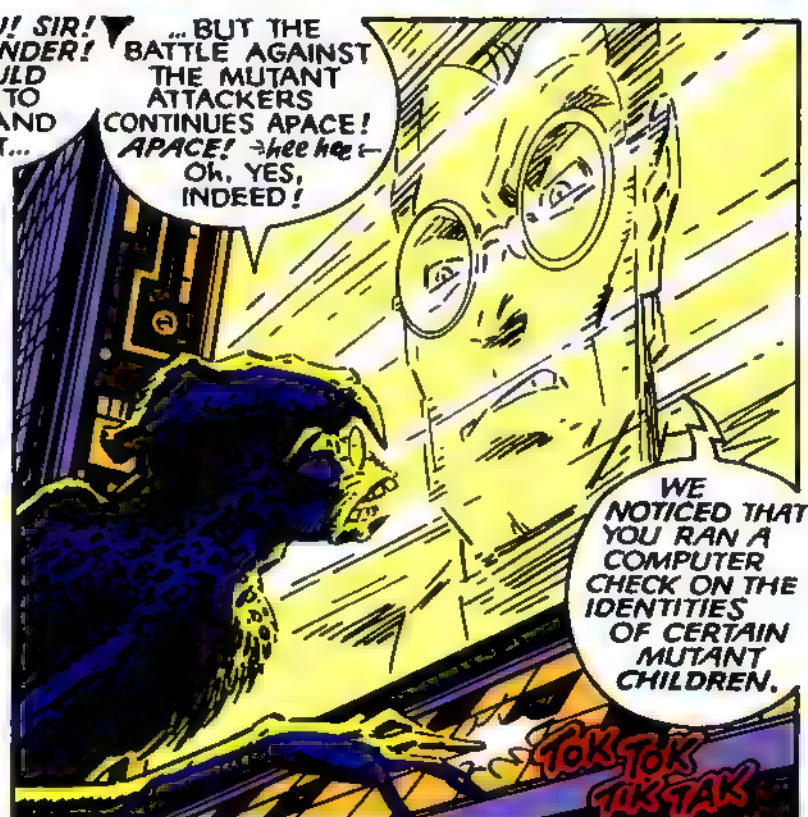
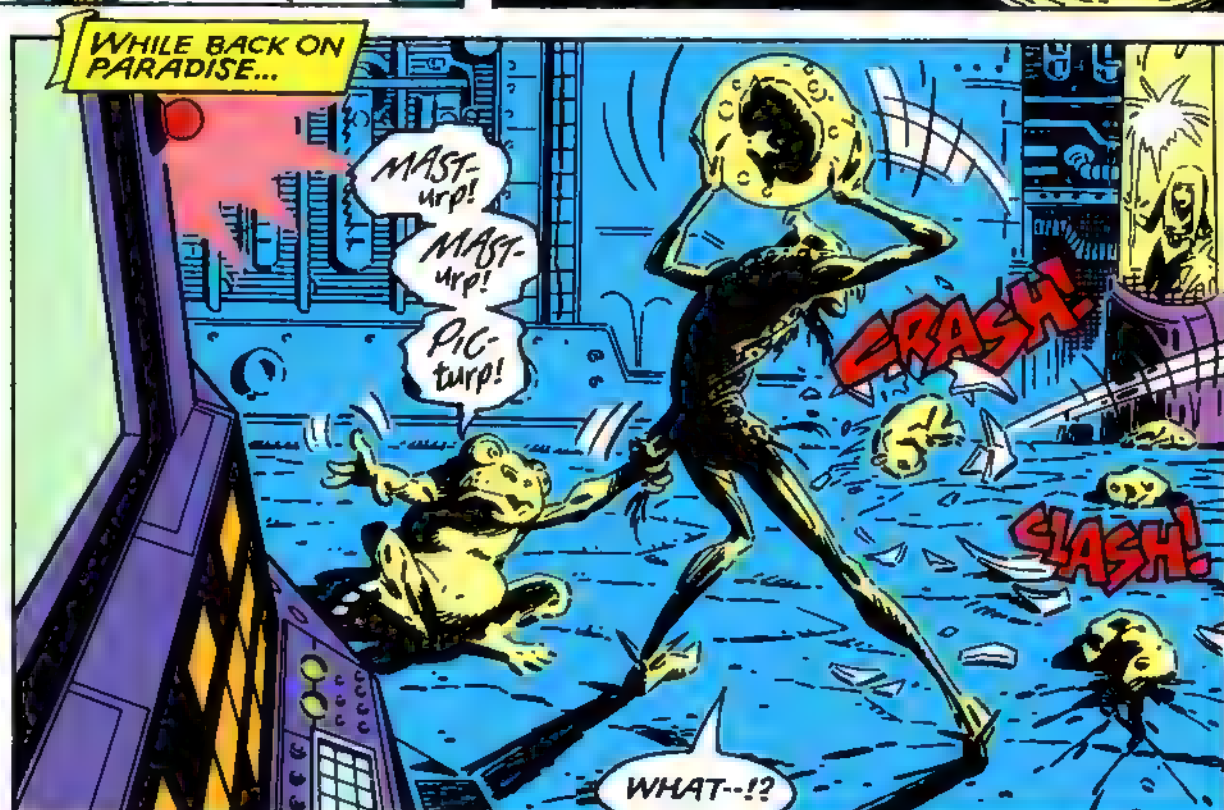
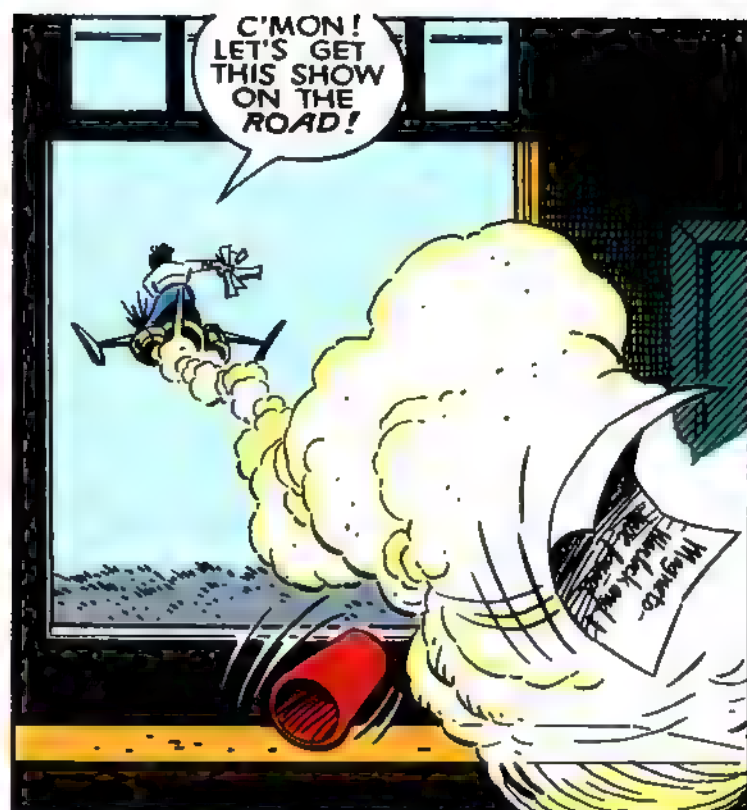
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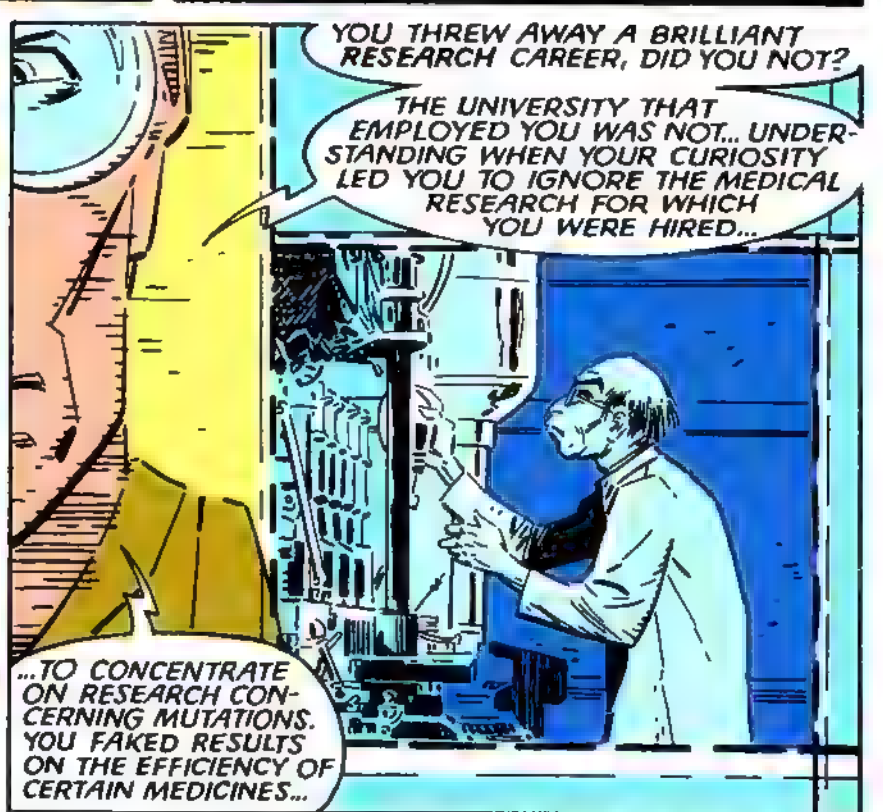
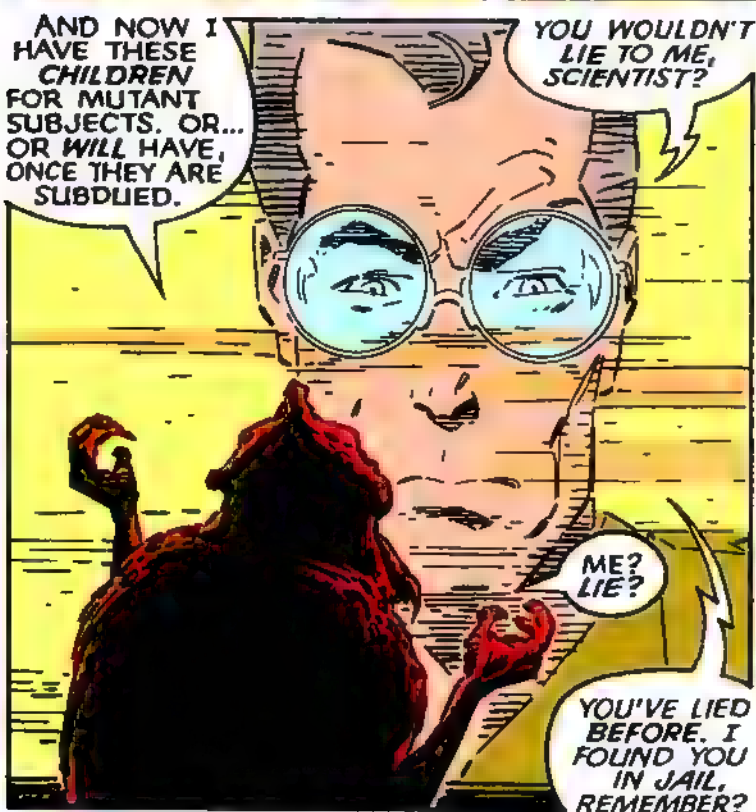
SELFRIENDBOBBY! THERE ARE MAPS ON TABLE WITH ISLAND GROUP CIRCLED! THEY ARE NORTH!

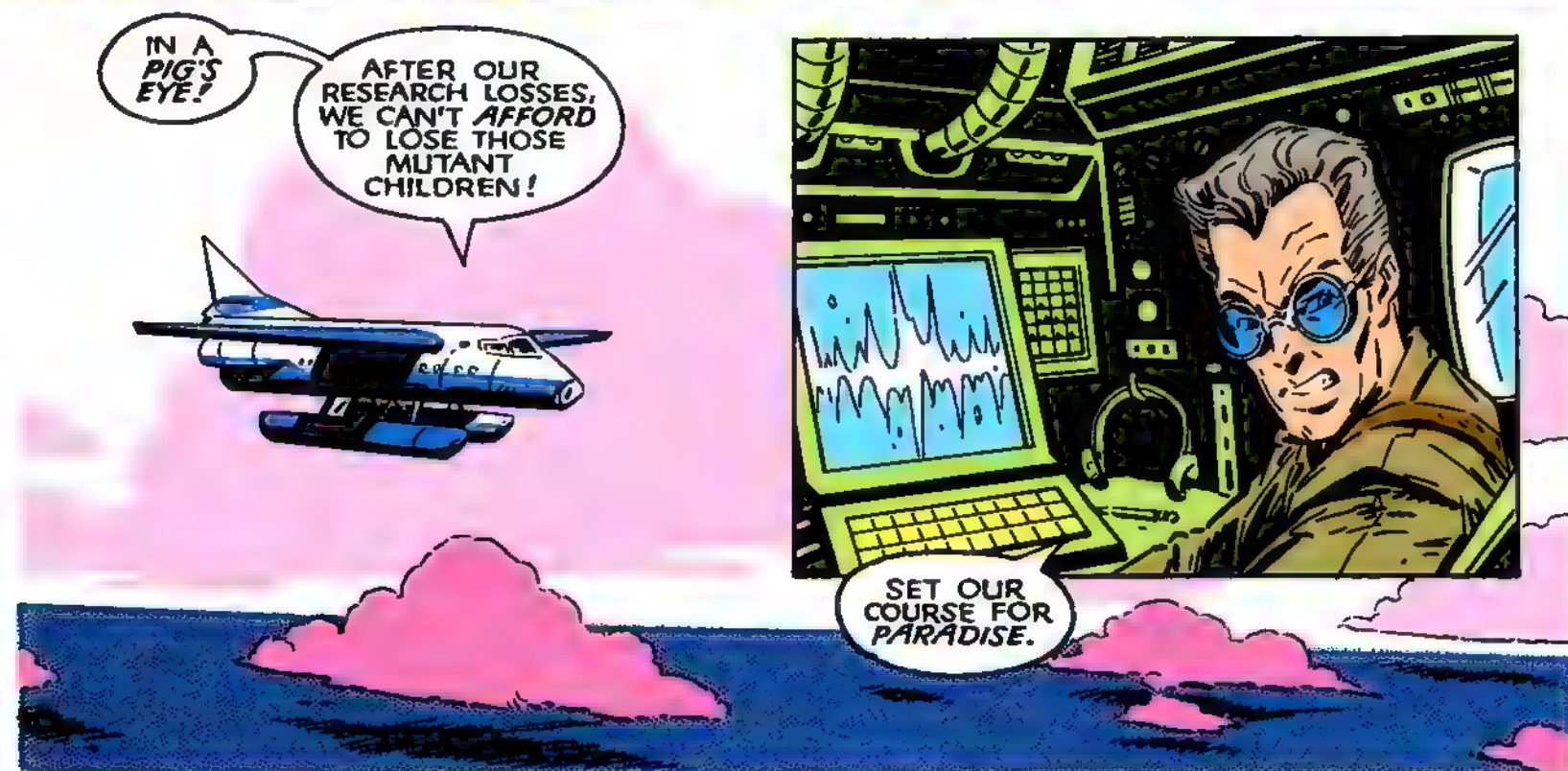
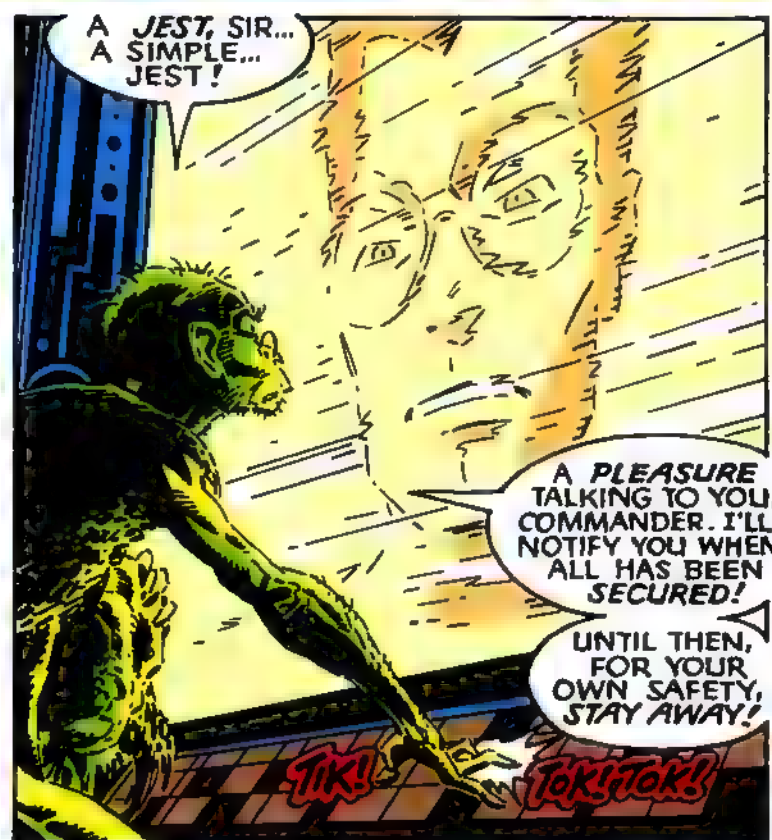
THAT'S WHERE THEY'VE GONE! MAGNETO SAID WE WERE S'POSED TO STAY HERE BUT...

SELFRIEND, NO ONE EVER SEEMS TO STAY HERE.

YOU'RE RIGHT! AT LEAST THIS TIME WE'LL LEAVE A NOTE!





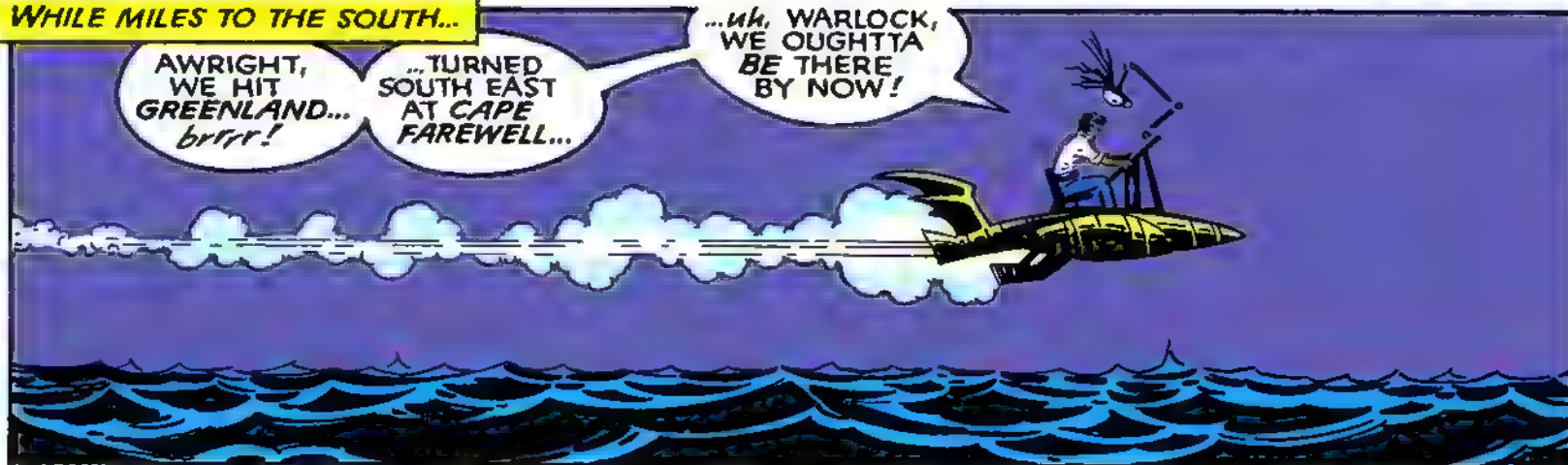


WHILE MILES TO THE SOUTH...

AWRIGHT,
WE HIT
GREENLAND...
brrrr!

...TURNED
SOUTH EAST
AT CAPE
FAREWELL...

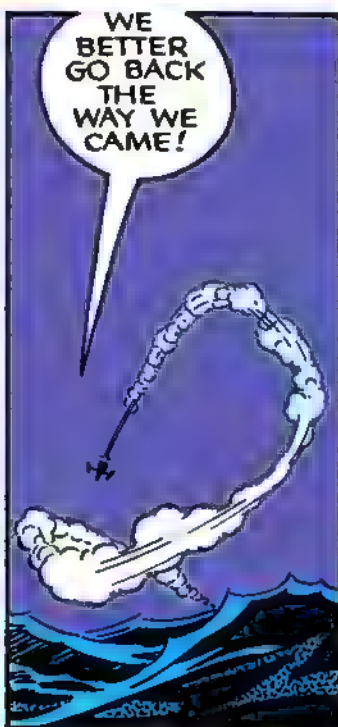
...uh, WARLOCK,
WE OUGHTTA
BE THERE
BY NOW!



I HATE TO TELL YOU
THIS, BUT I THINK
WE OVERTOOK OUR
LATITUDE!



WE
BETTER
GO BACK
THE
WAY WE
CAME!



WHILE MANY MILES AWAY...

MAD HATTER, INDEED!
THE IGNORANT LOUT!
TO WEAR AN
ANIMAL'S TROPHY IS
TO STEAL HIS
FIERCENESS.

HEY, YOU
WEREN'T
SUPPOSED
TO BE MAKING
ANIMAL
MEN, WERE
YOU?



MY GENE-
SPICED HYBRIDS?
CERTAINLY NOT!

THOUGH THE REASONS FOR
THEIR CREATION WERE NOT
INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE
RIGHT'S GOALS, IF ONLY
THEY COULD SEE
IT THAT WAY!

FOR INSTANCE, MY
WATER BABIES WERE
CREATED TO "MAN" UNDER-
WATER URANIUM MINES.
OTHER ANI-MATES
WILL HAVE OTHER
SPECIALITIES.



ONCE MY
CREATURES ARE
INTRODUCED TO
THE WORLD... WITH
THE PATENTS
FIRMLY IN PLACE,
OF COURSE...
I WILL BE
FAMOUS...



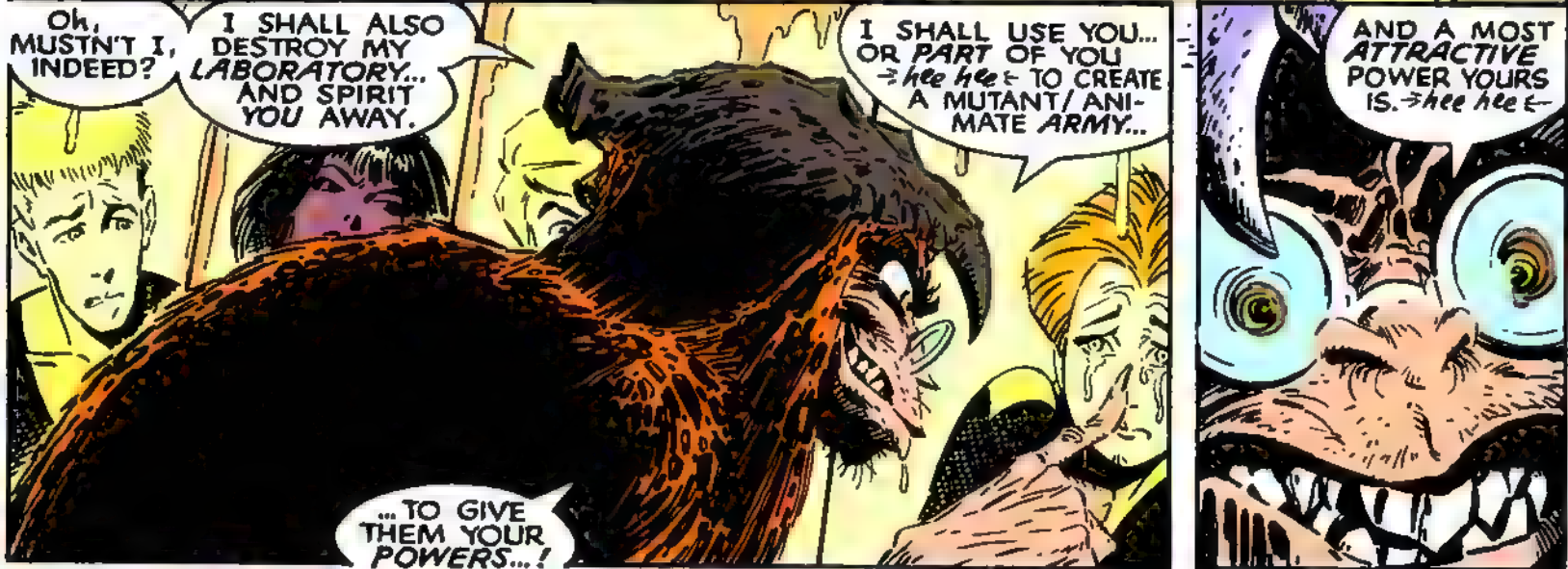
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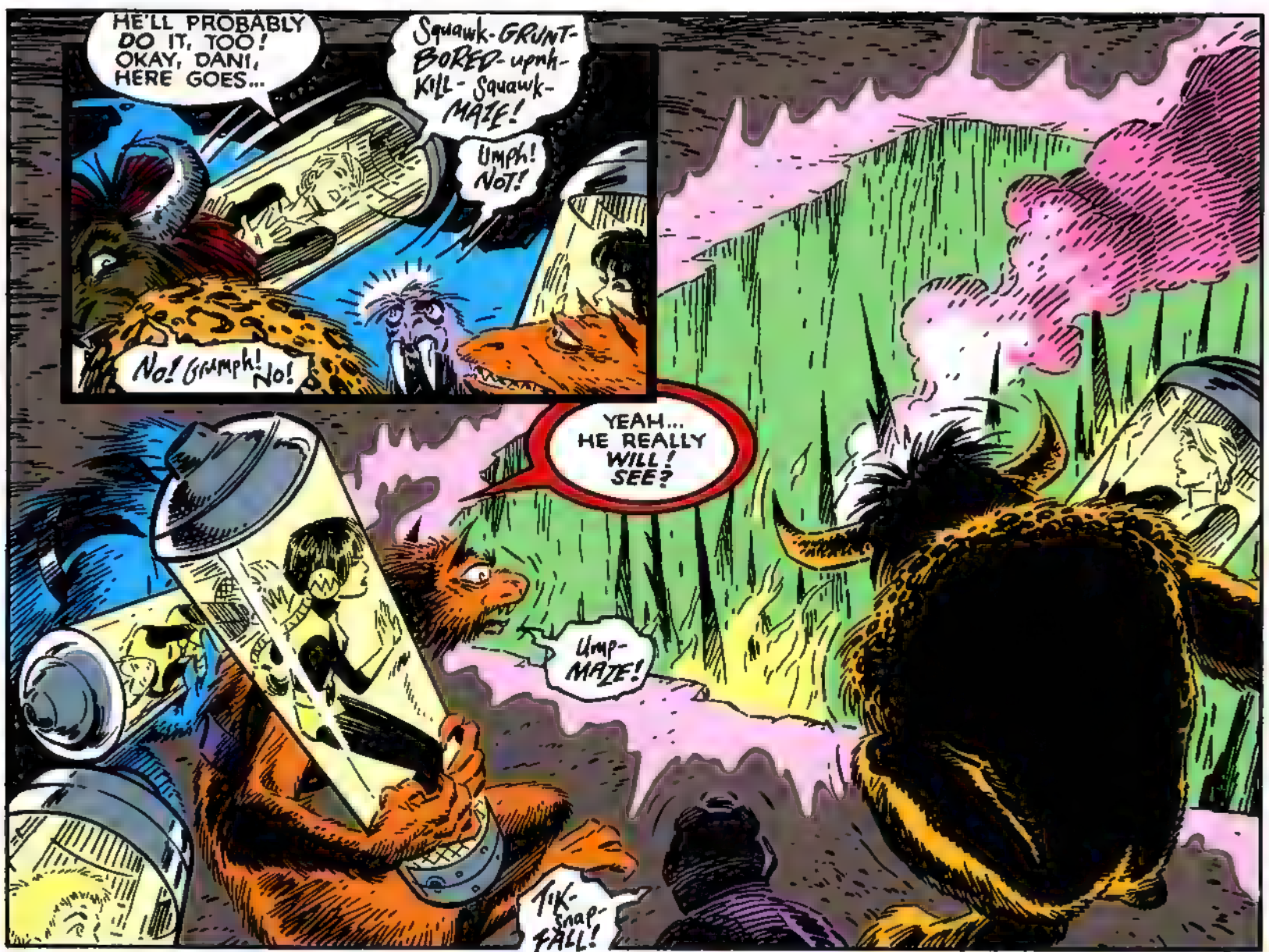
WHY... THEY
COULD EVEN
FIGHT HUMANITY'S
WARS. BUT, OF
COURSE, THE
RIGHT WILL
OBJECT!

AND WE
SHALL QUARREL!
AND THAT'S WHY
MY ORIGINAL
SELECTION
WAS FOR
FIERCE-
NESS.



BUT NOW,
I HAVE
SOMETHING
BETTER
IN MIND!





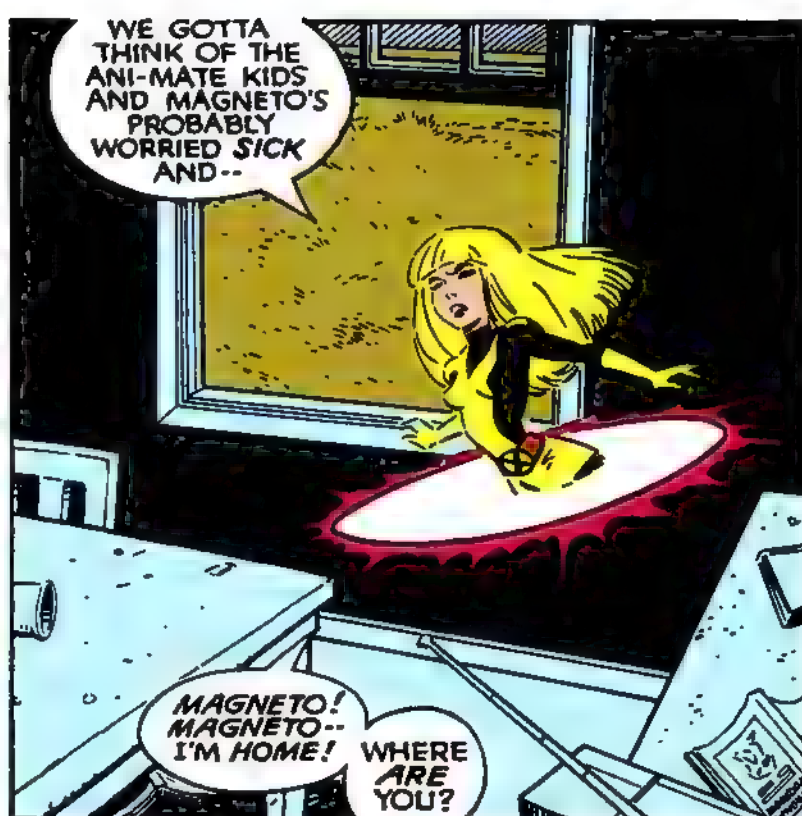




MAYBE NOT... WITH YOU REDUCED TO THROWING ROCKS AND STICKS. AND WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.

LOOK-- I'M PORTING HOME TO GET MAGNETO.

HE HELPED ME IN LIMBO AGAINST DEMONS. HE'LL MAKE MINCEMEAT OF THESE GUYS.



WE GOTTA THINK OF THE ANI-MATE KIDS AND MAGNETO'S PROBABLY WORRIED SICK AND--

MAGNETO! MAGNETO-- I'M HOME!

WHERE ARE YOU?



I KNOW WE RAN OFF WHEN YOU TOLD US NOT TO...

...BUT IT WAS FOR A GOOD CAUSE AND NOW WE'RE IN TROUBLE...



...AND WE NEED YOUR HELP 'CAUSE OTHER... WELL... PEOPLE, SORT OF, ARE IN TROUBLE, TOO, AND... AND...

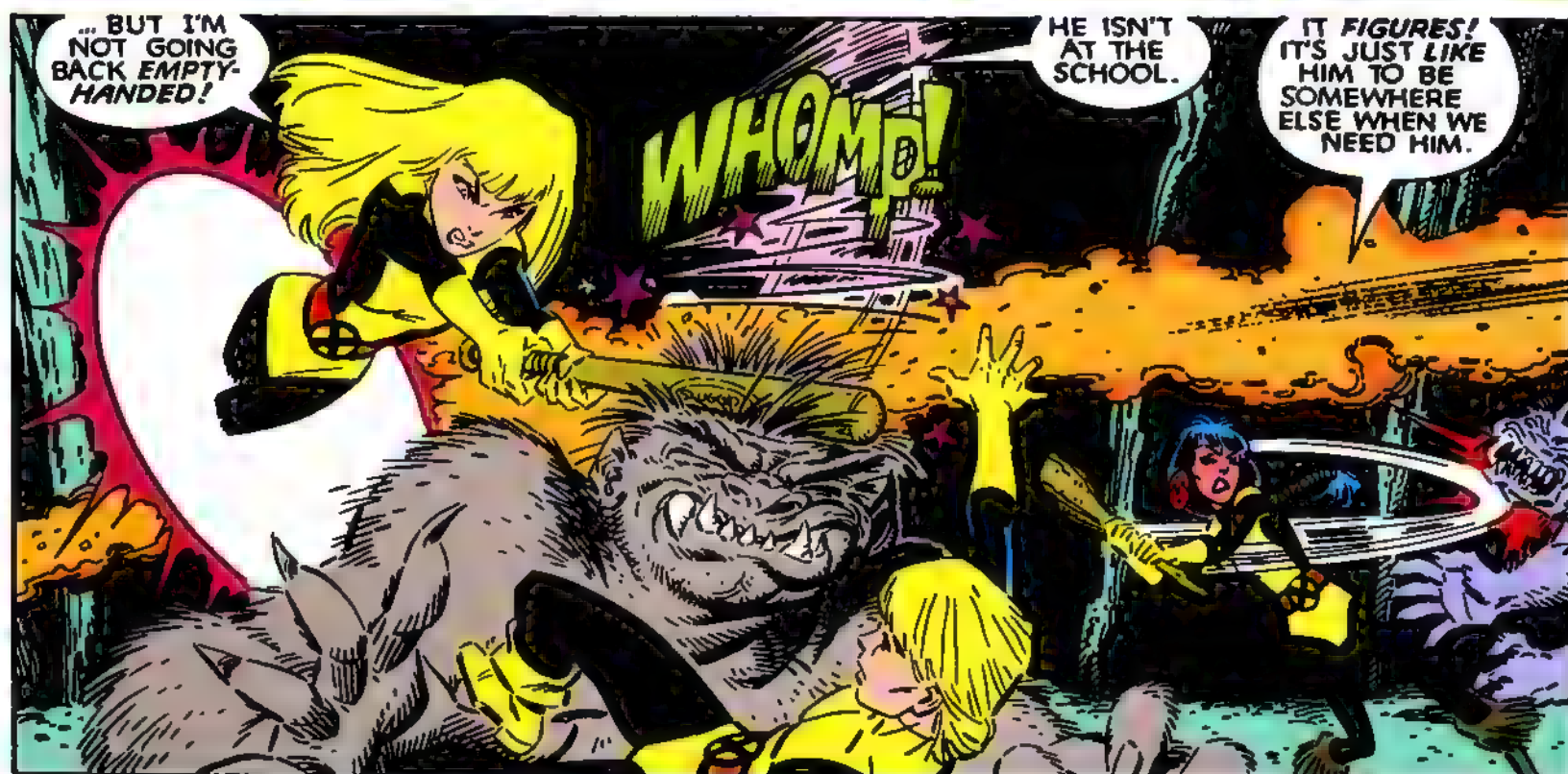
YOU'RE NOT HERE, ARE YOU?



DIDN'T YOU NOTICE WE WERE GONE? DON'T YOU CARE?



I GUESS YOU DON'T... AND ALL I CAN DO IS GO BACK AND TELL THEM...

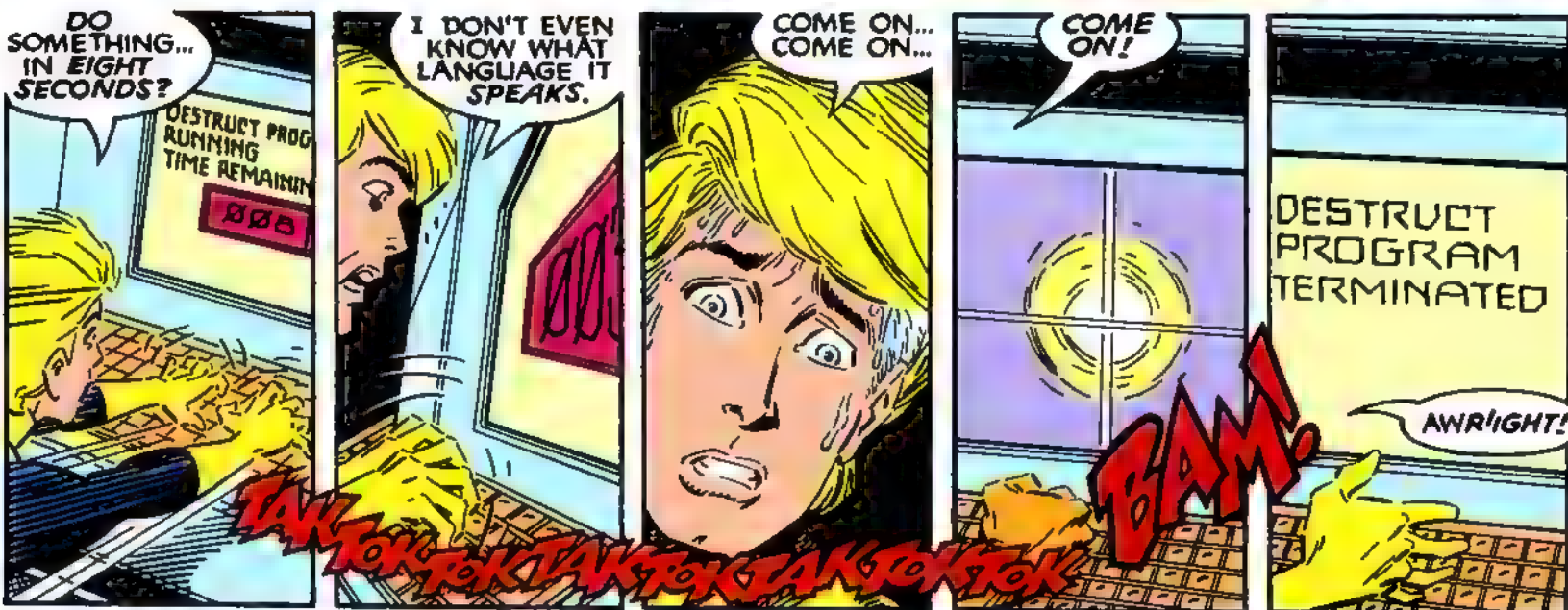
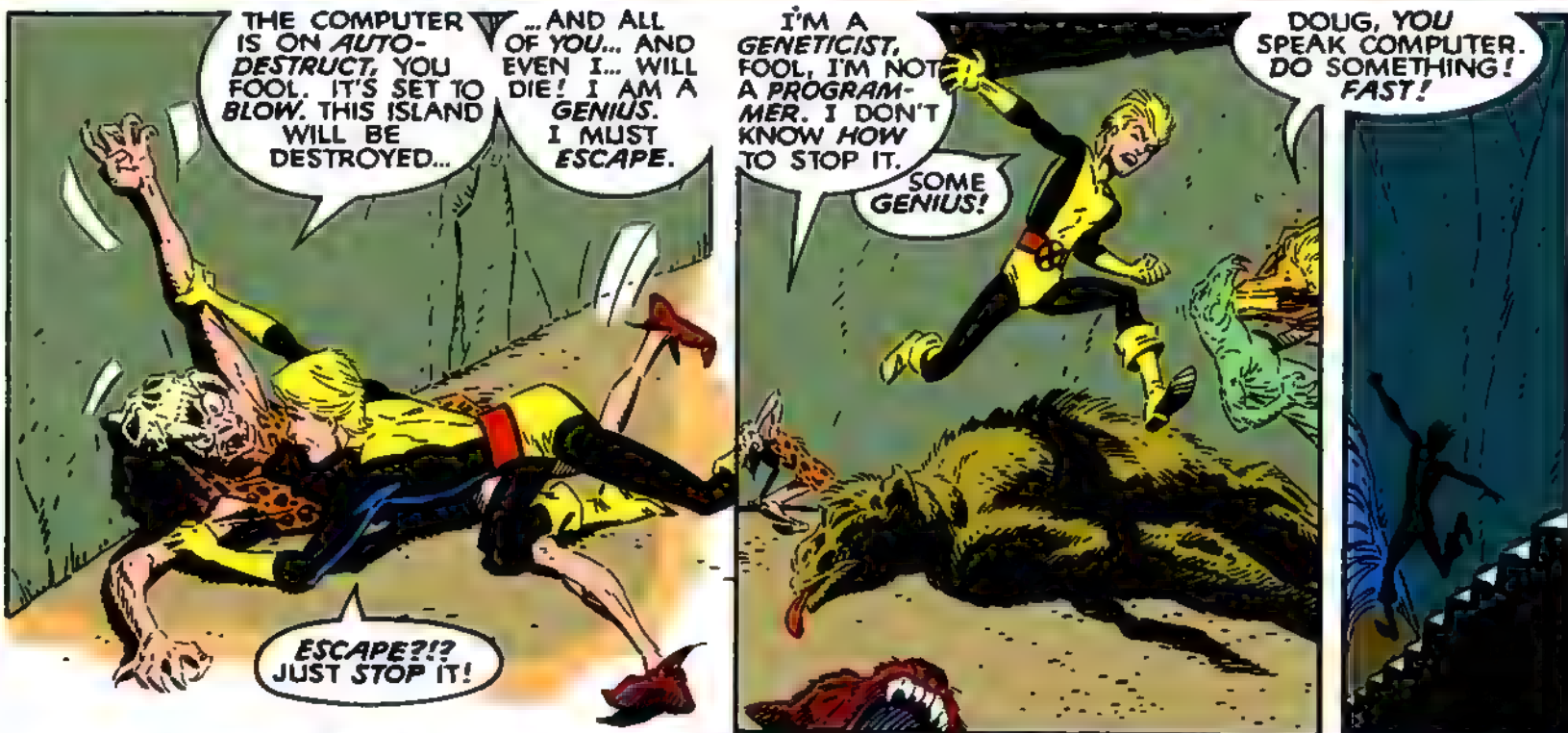


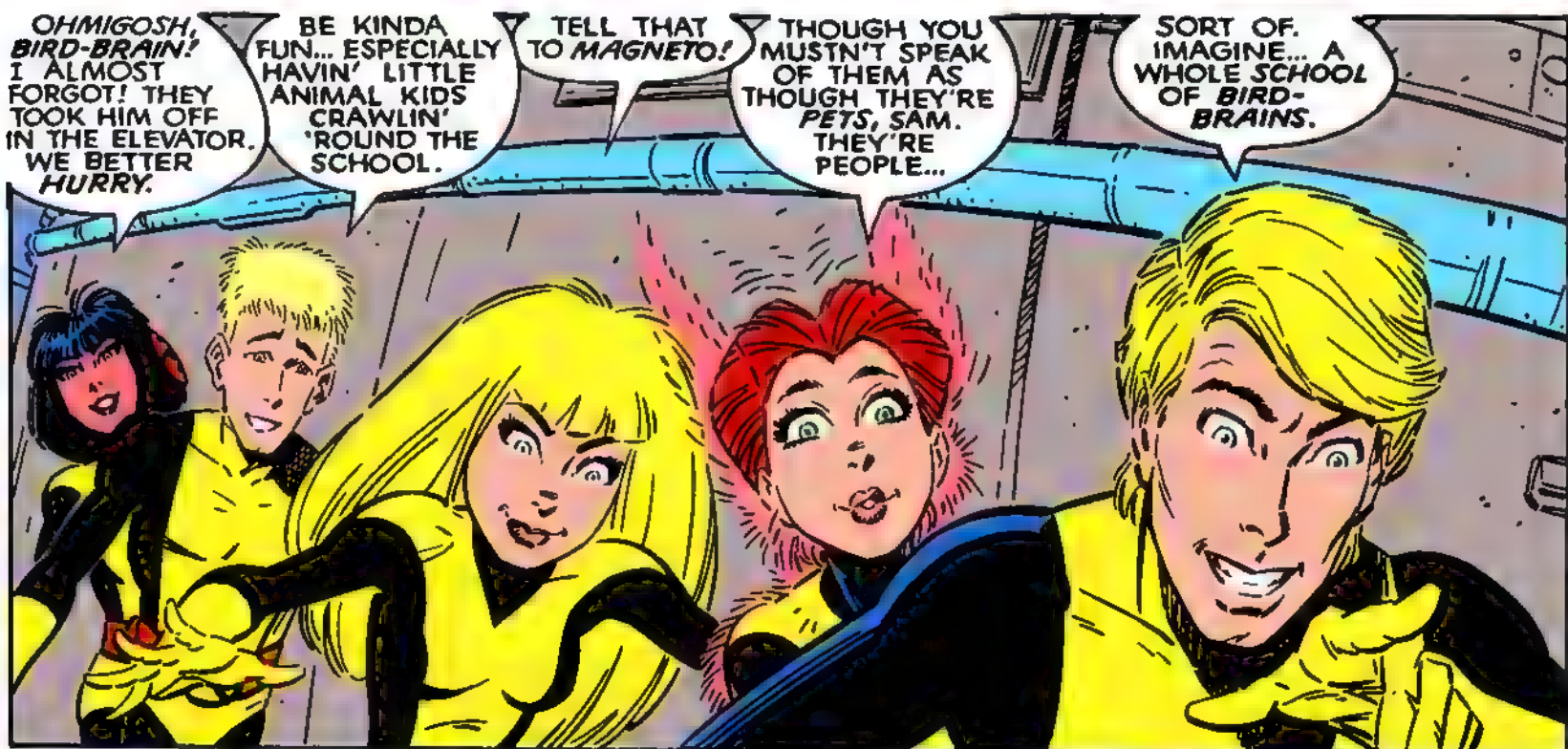
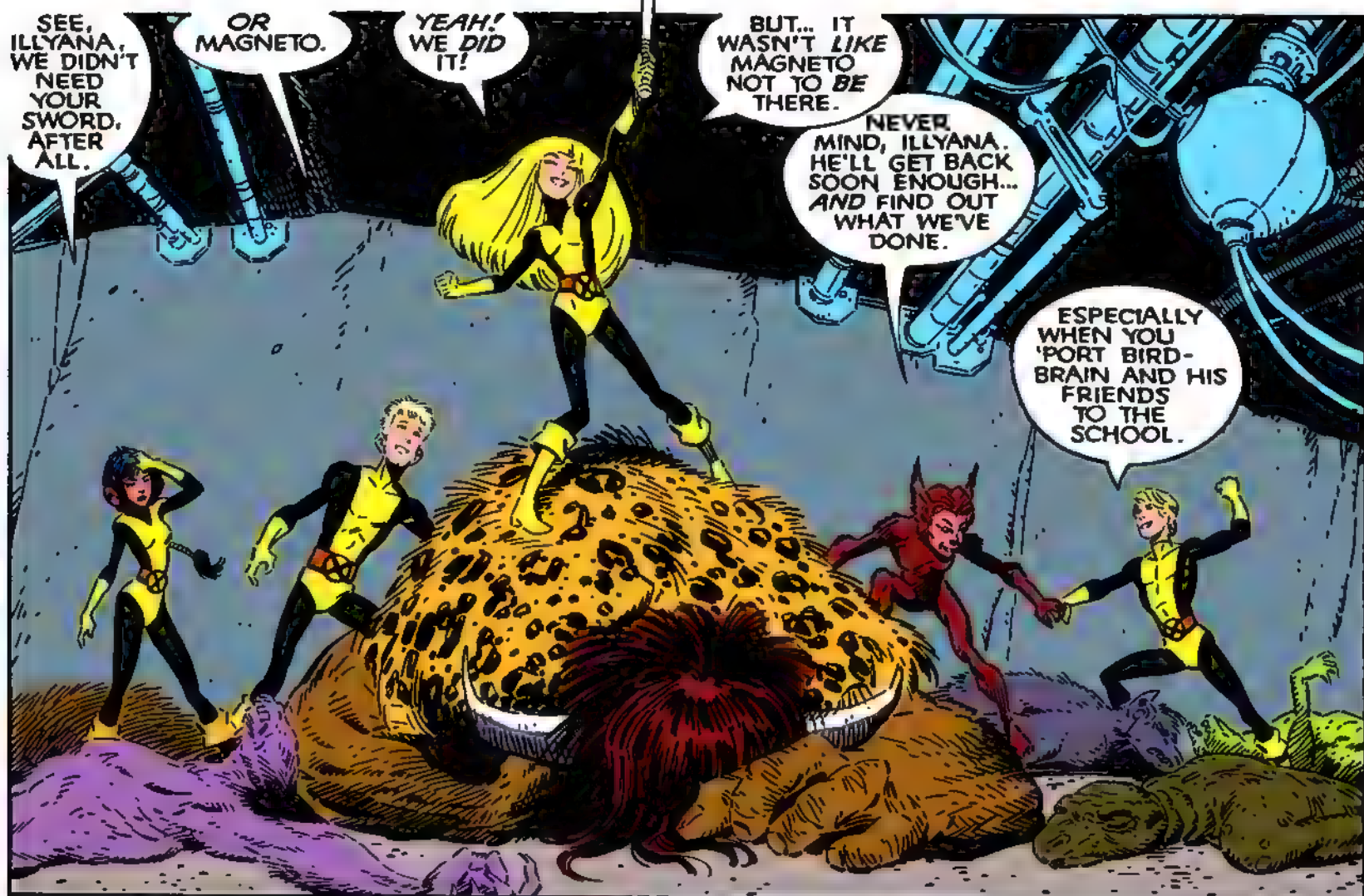
...BUT I'M NOT GOING BACK EMPTY-HANDED!

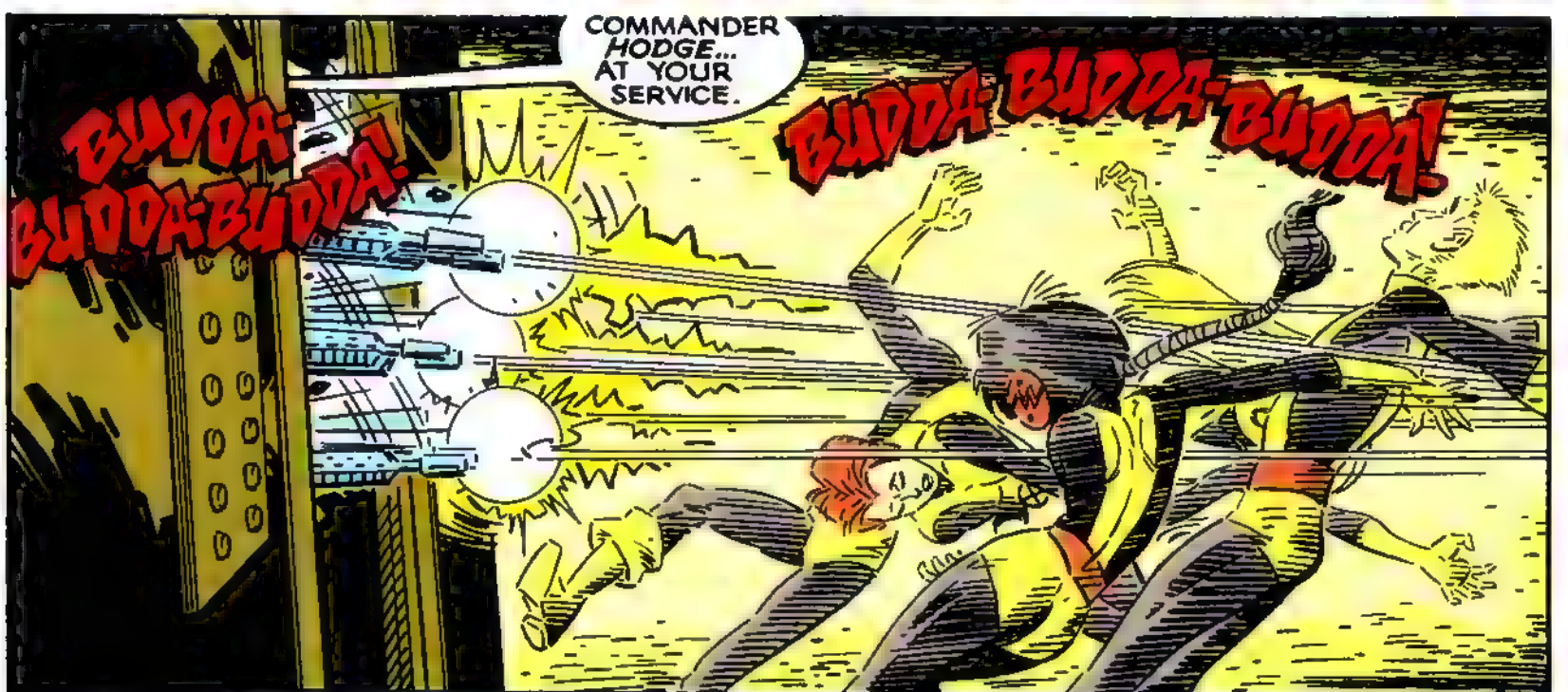
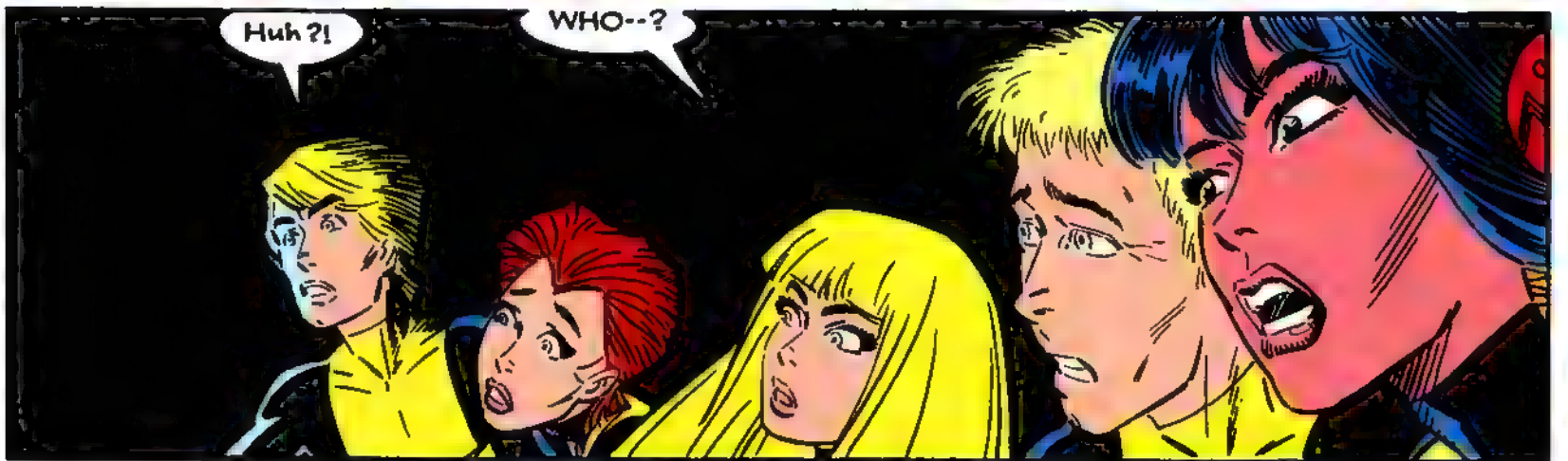
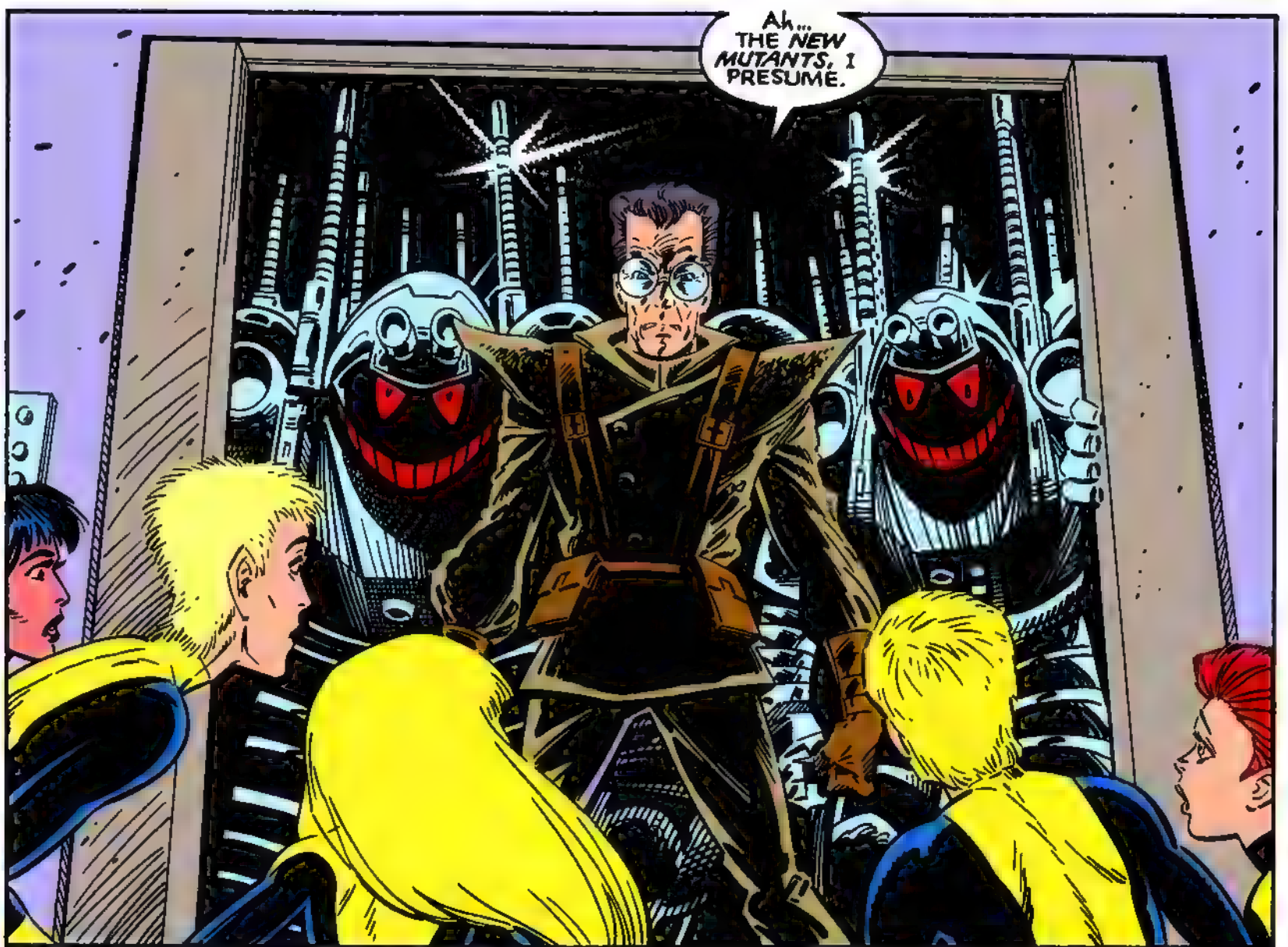
WHOMP!

HE ISN'T AT THE SCHOOL.

IT FIGURES! IT'S JUST LIKE HIM TO BE SOMEWHERE ELSE WHEN WE NEED HIM.









SIR, YOUR SCIENTIST WAS TRYING TO ESCAPE.

THAT DOES NOT SURPRISE ME IN THE LEAST, CONSIDERING...!



WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT COSTUME, SCIENTIST? WHY CAN YOU NEVER OBEY ORDERS?

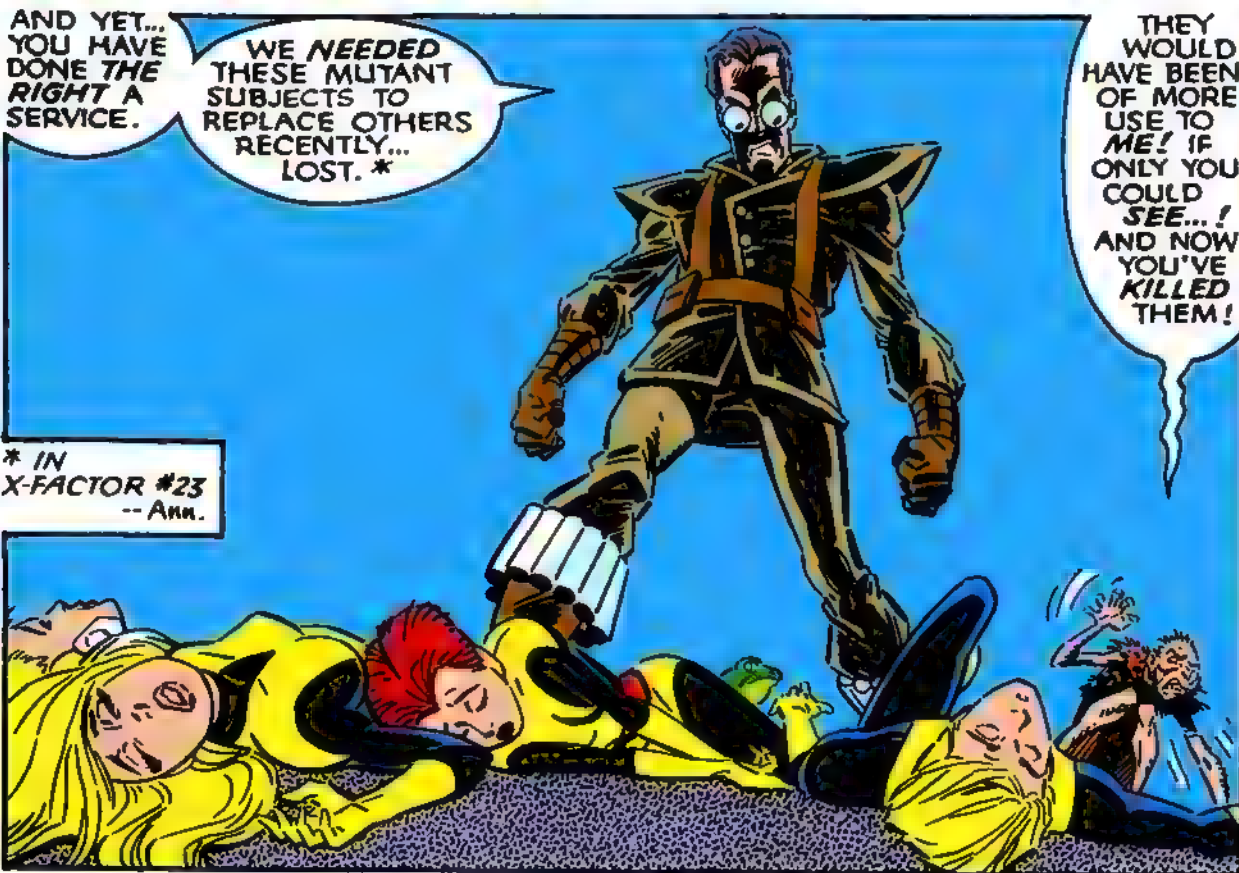
YOU WERE HIRED TO INSURE HUMAN SUPERIORITY. AND YOU CREATE INHUMAN MONSTERS.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE! YOU SWORE YOU'D STAY AWAY! YOU LIED TO ME!



YOU COMPLAIN TO ME OF LIES?!

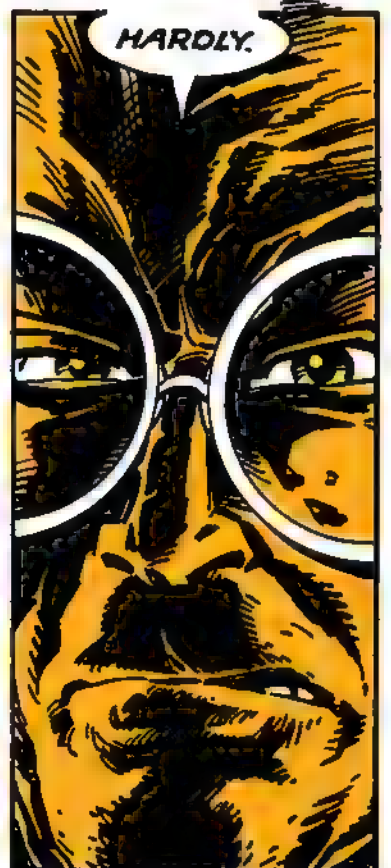
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AND YET... YOU HAVE DONE THE RIGHT A SERVICE.

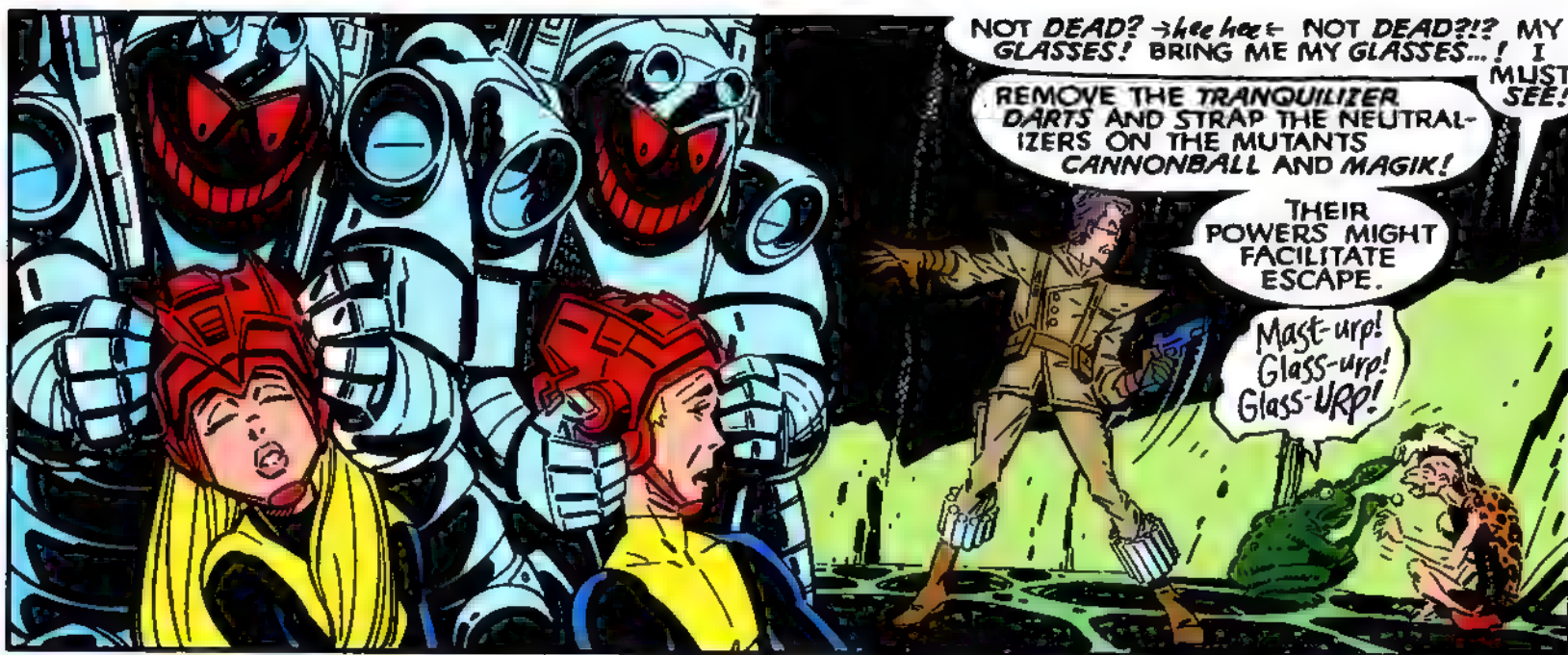
WE NEEDED THESE MUTANT SUBJECTS TO REPLACE OTHERS RECENTLY... LOST. *

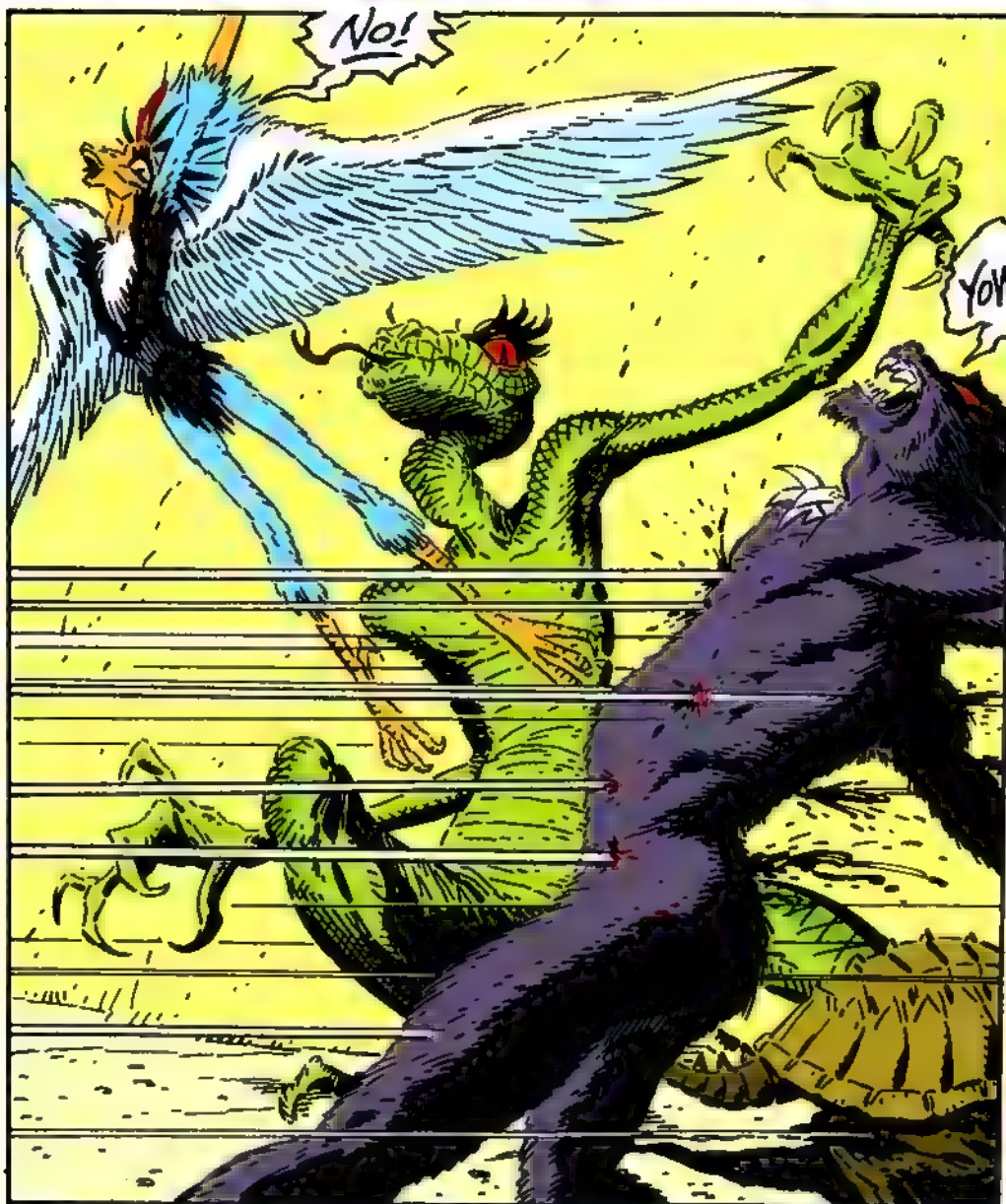
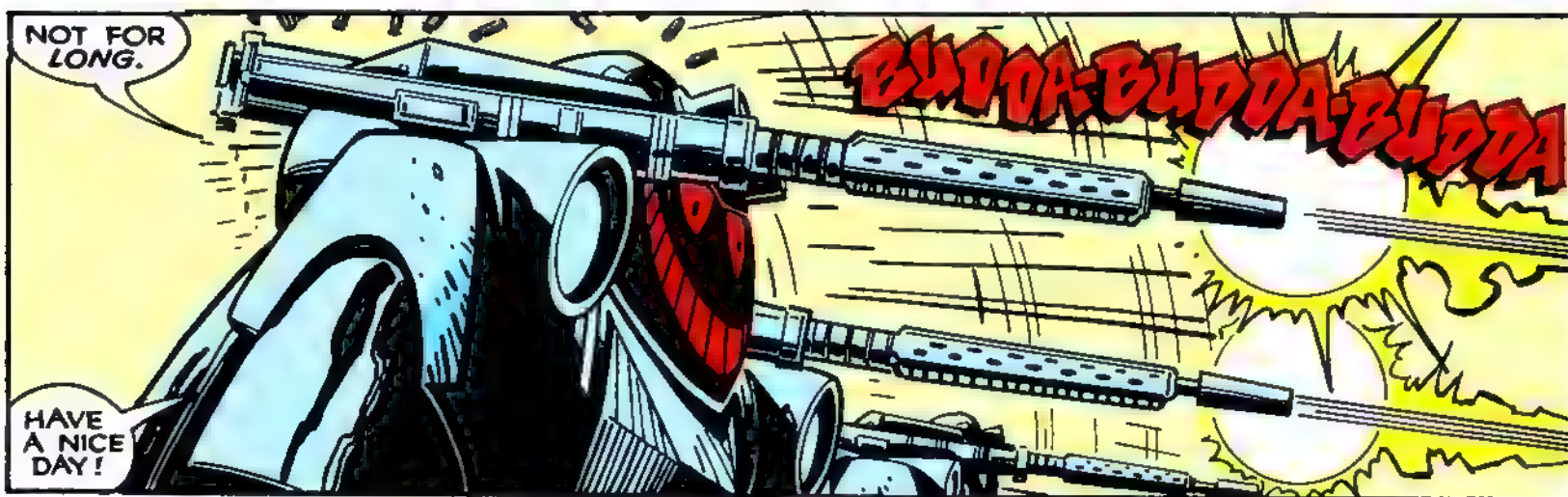
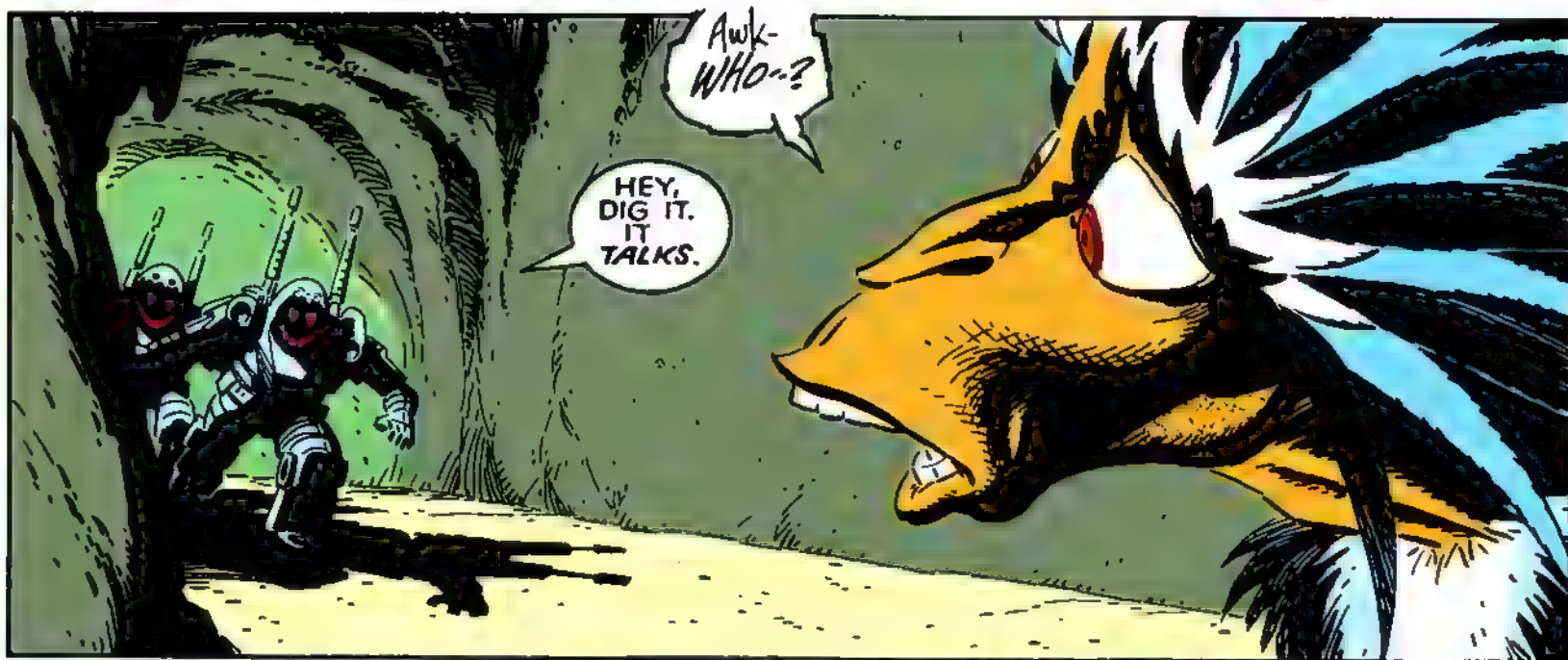
THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN OF MORE USE TO ME! IF ONLY YOU COULD SEE...! AND NOW YOU'VE KILLED THEM!

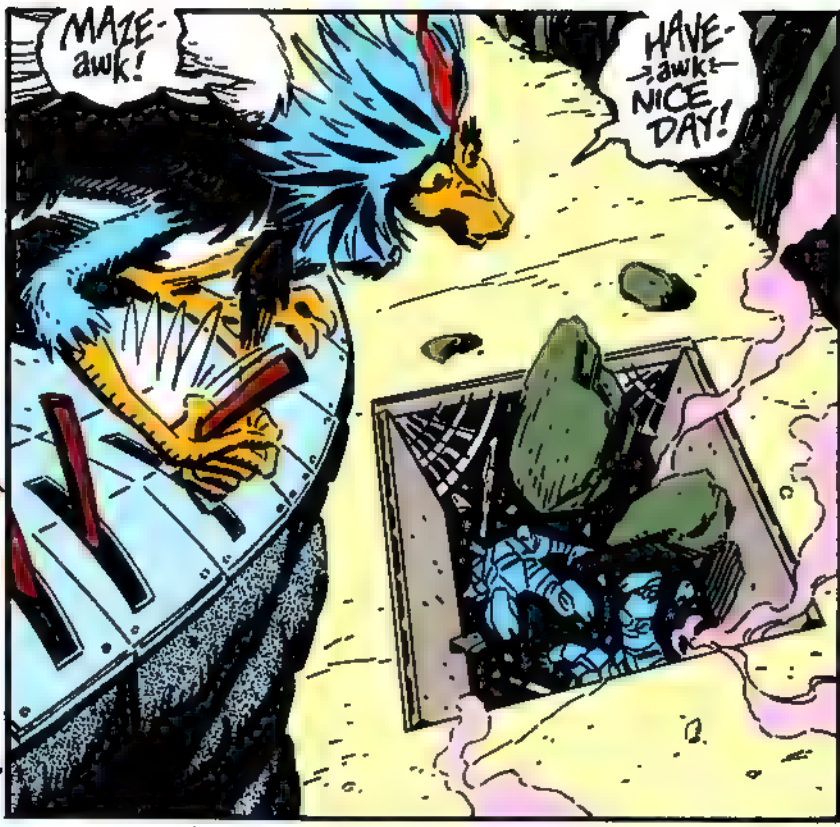


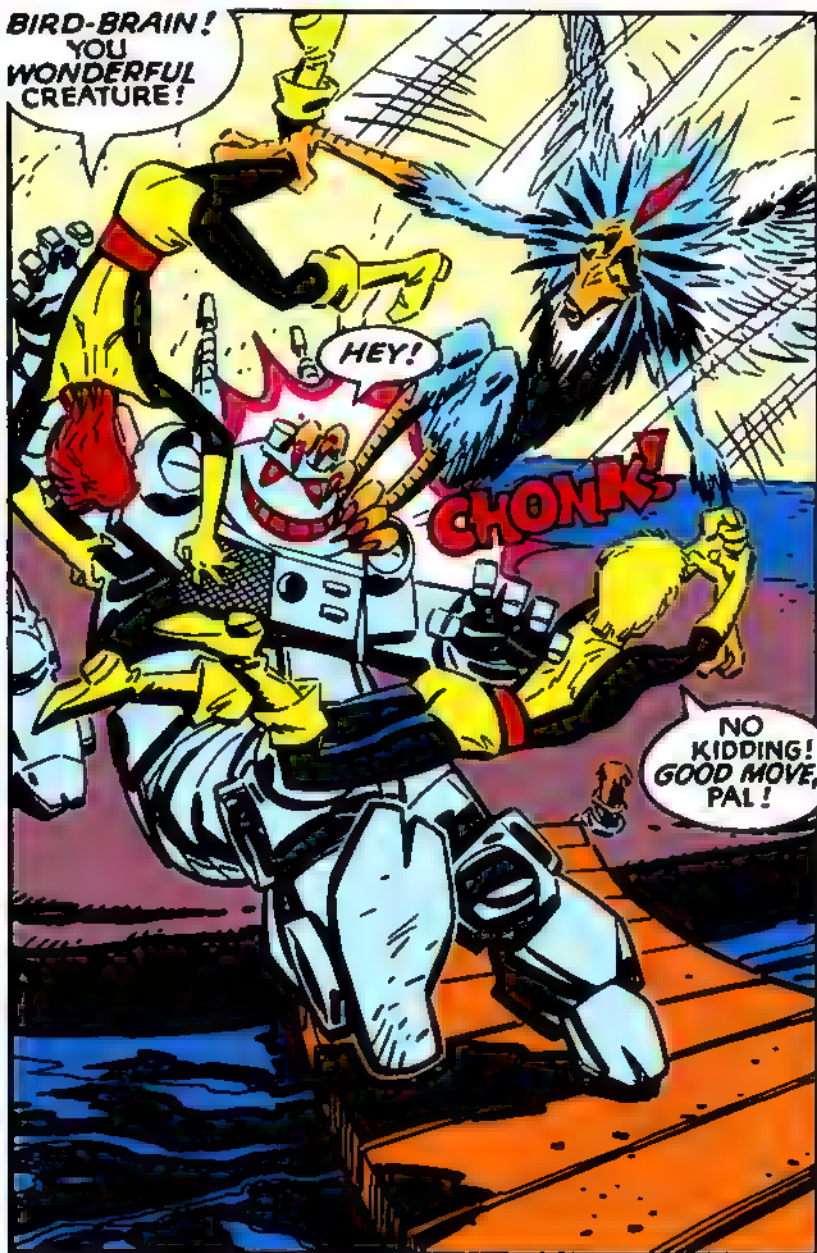
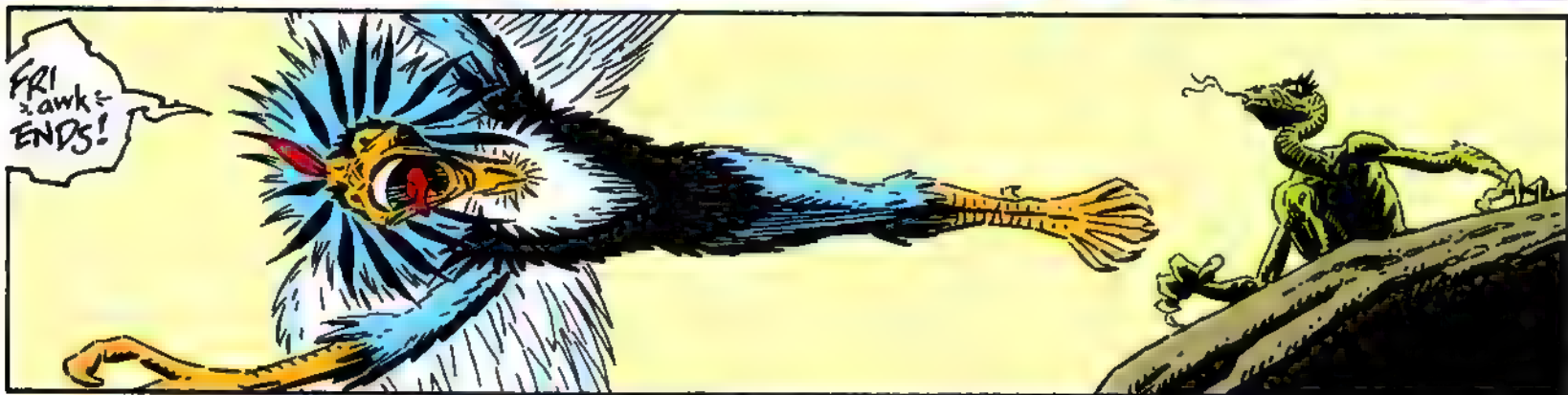
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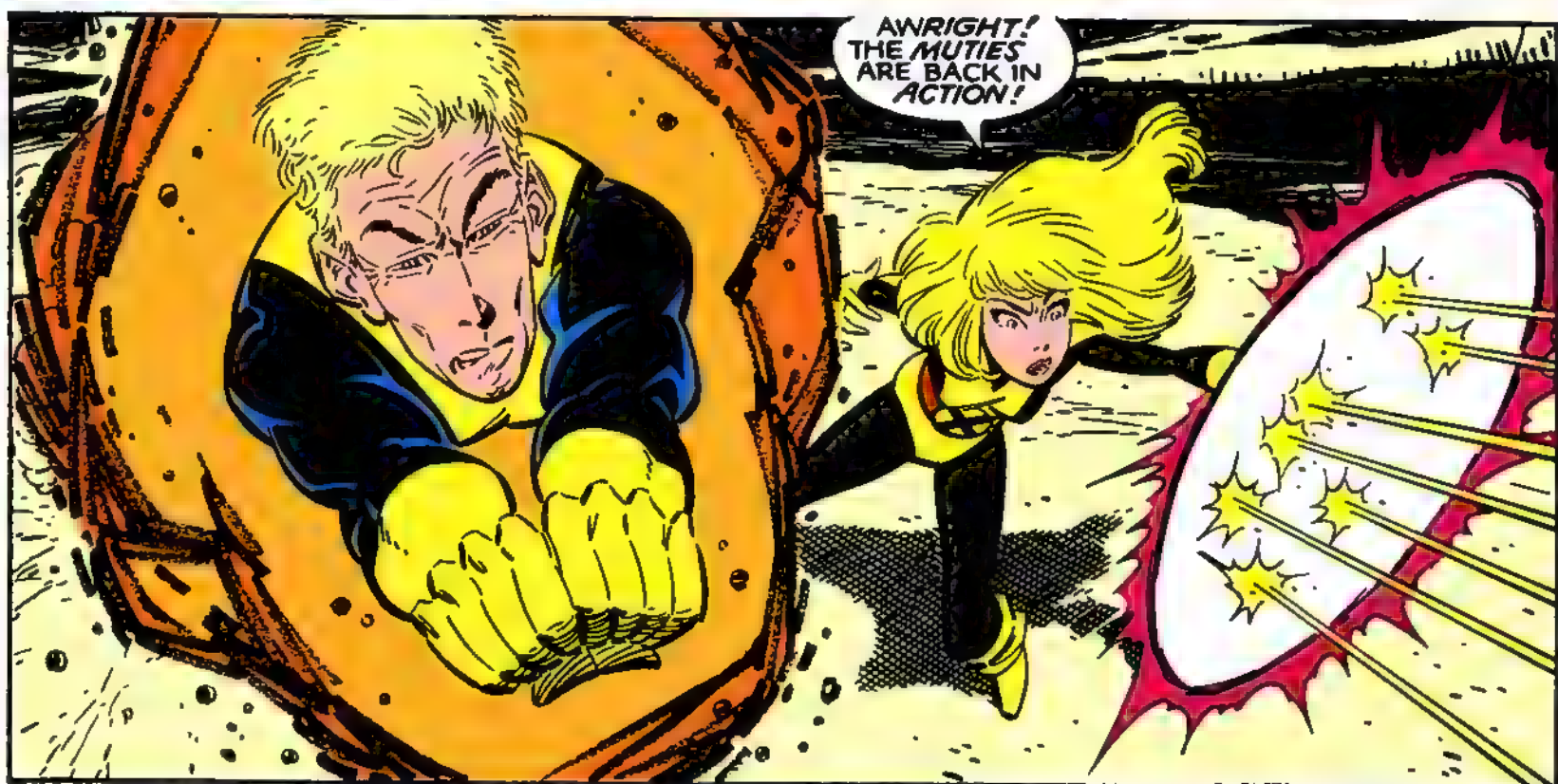
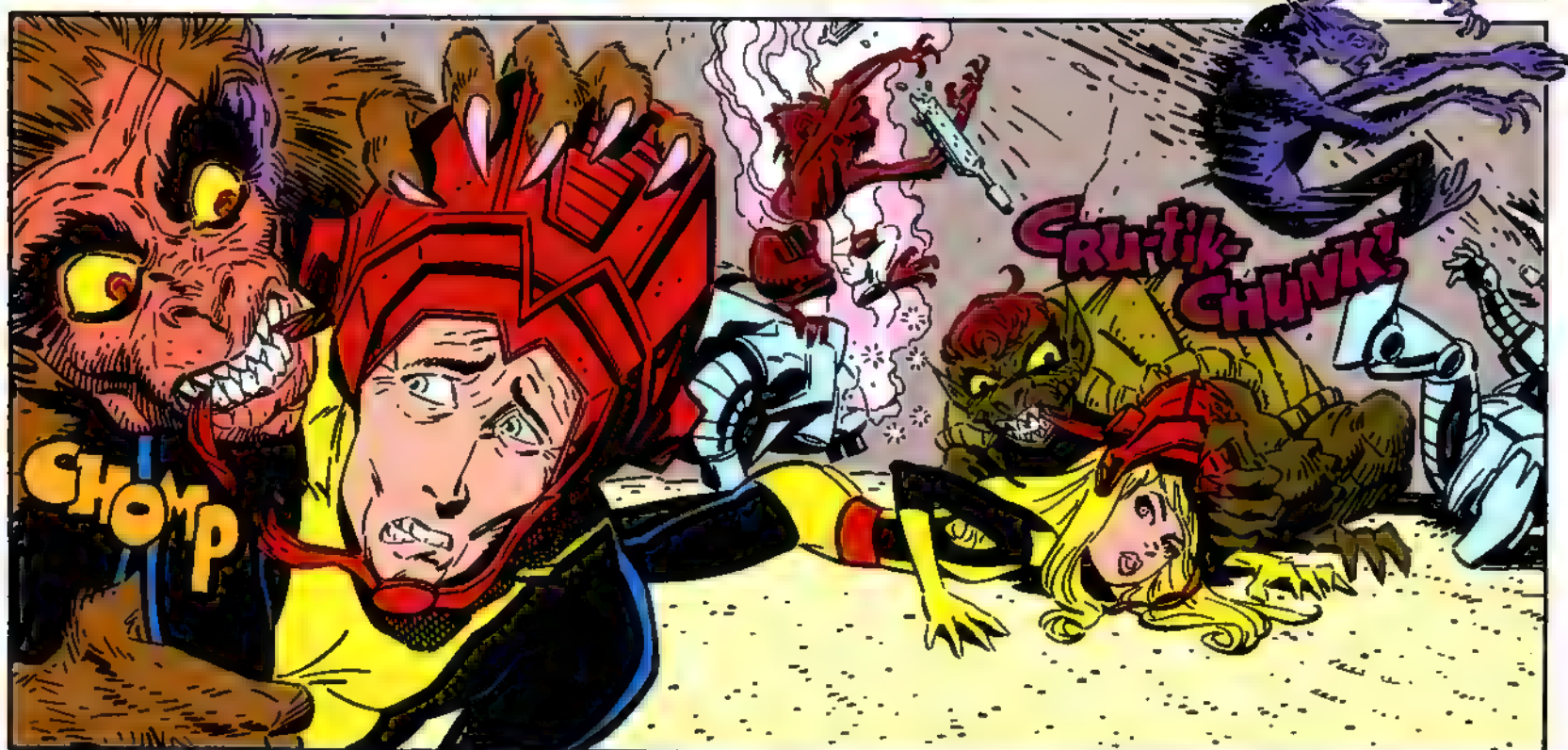
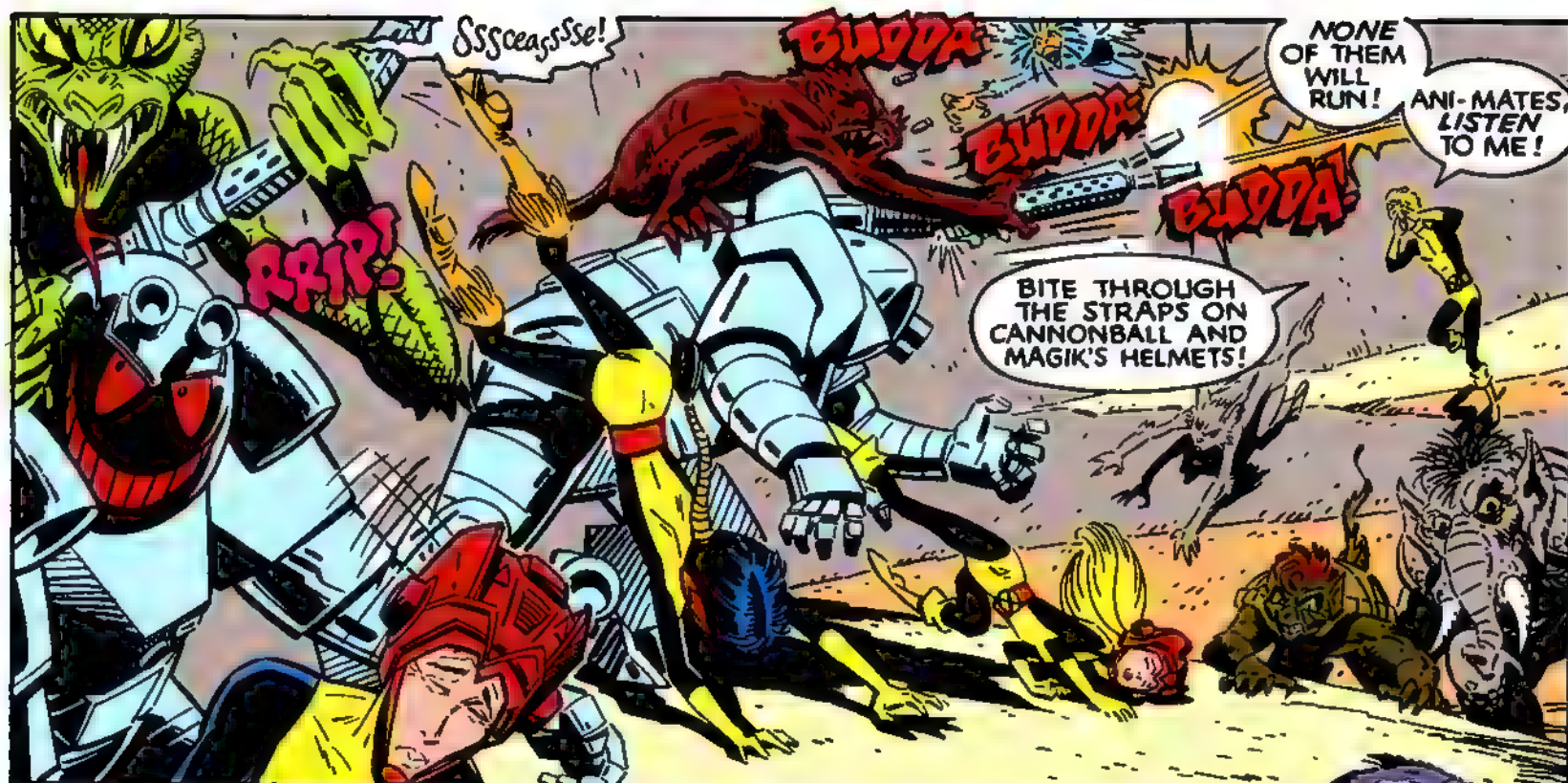
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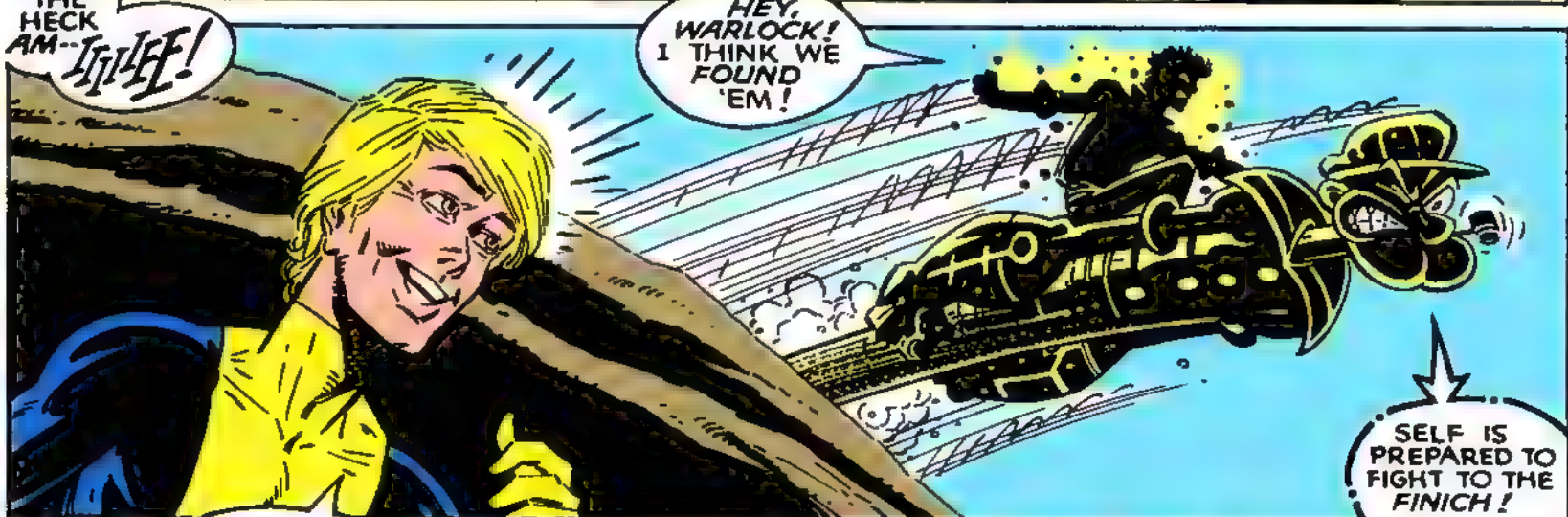
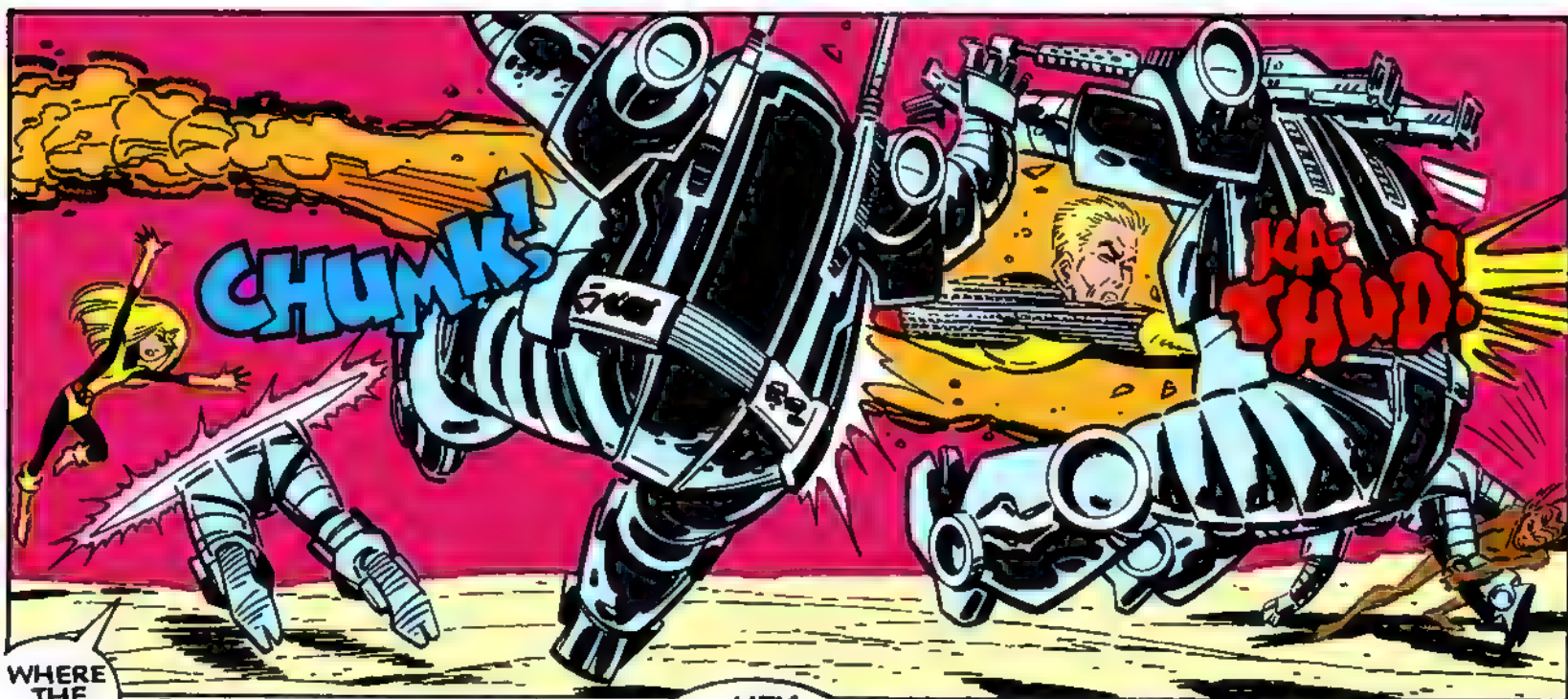


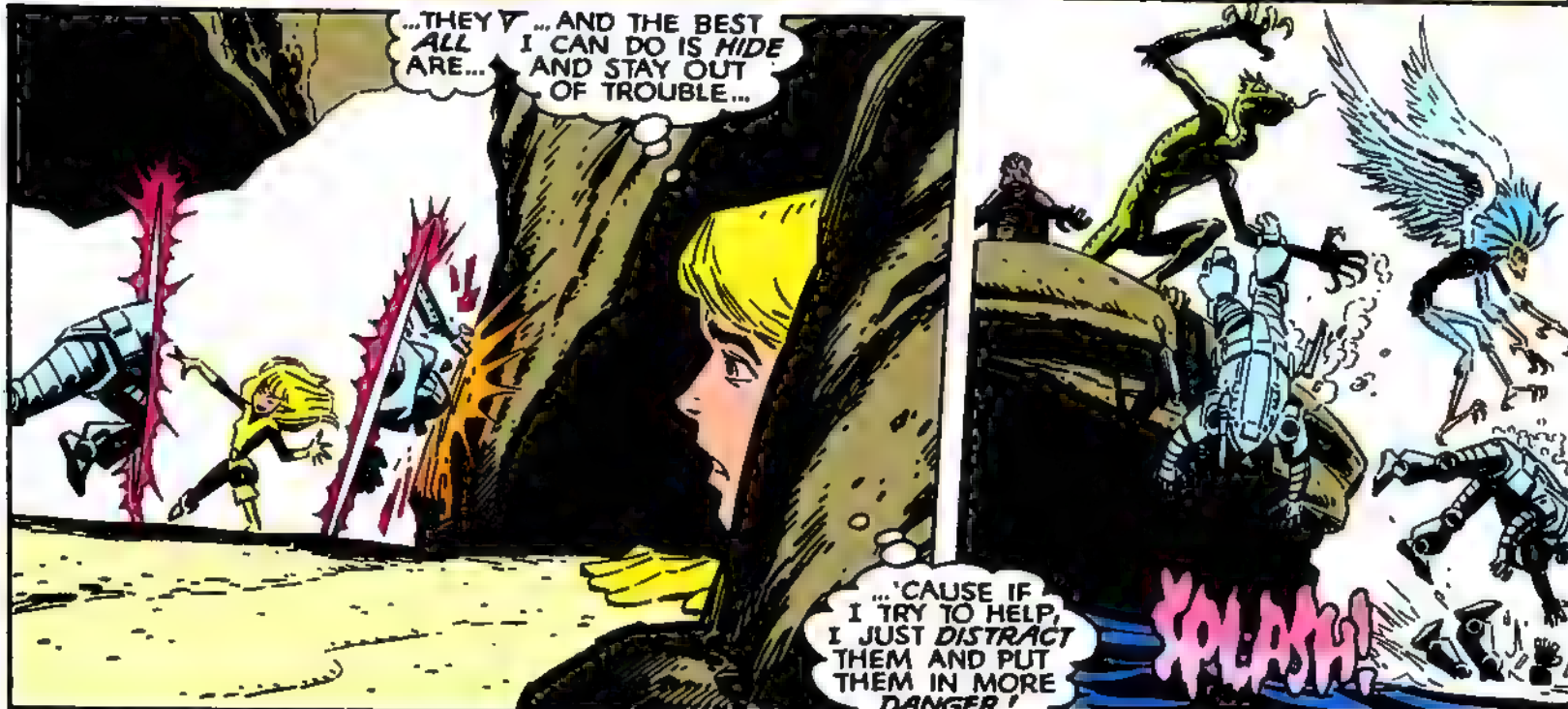
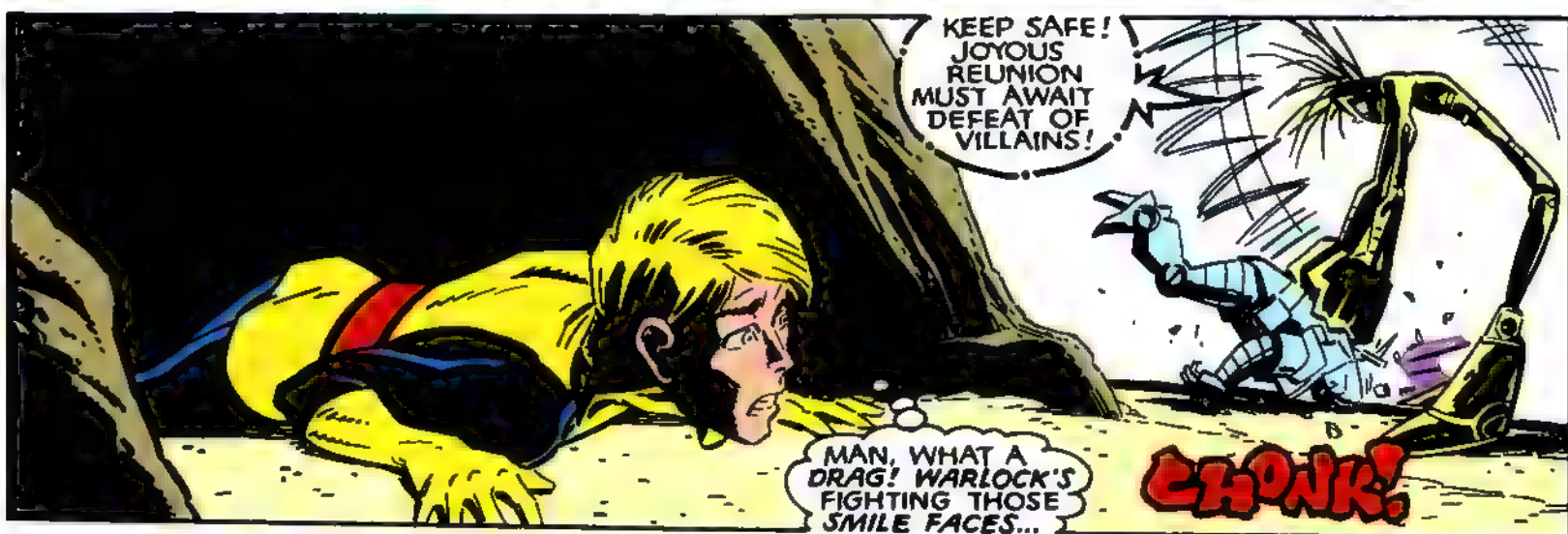
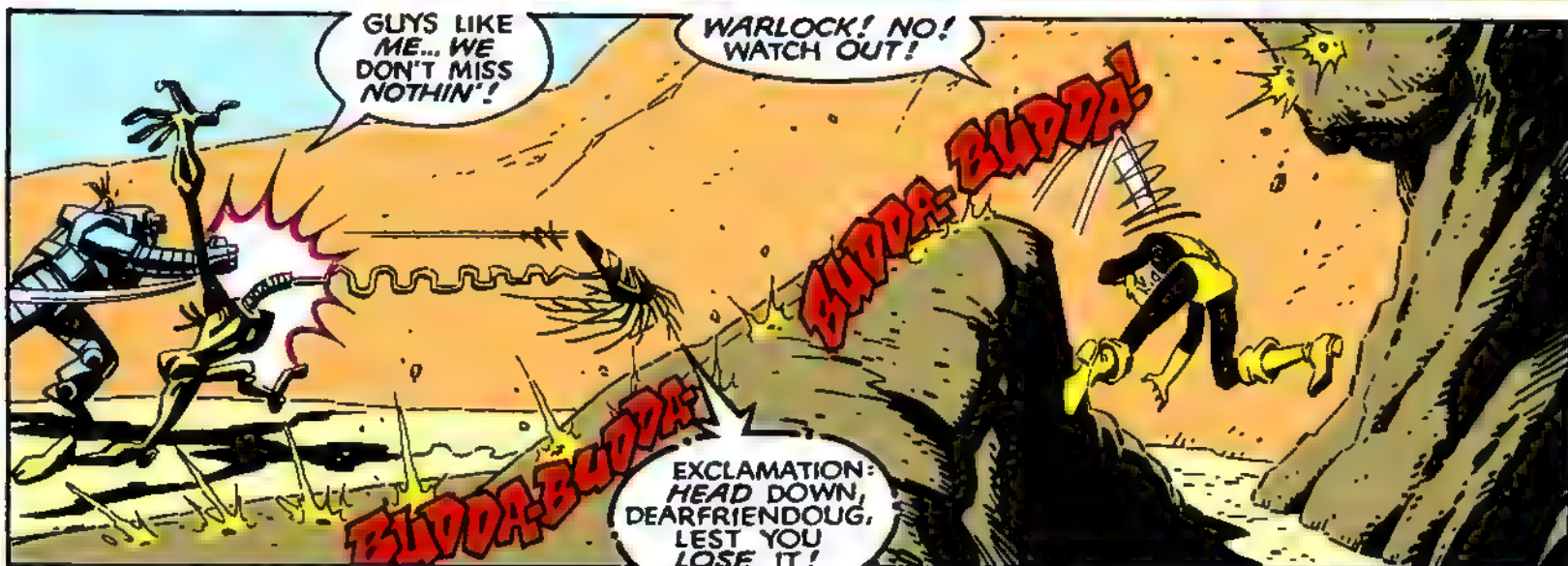
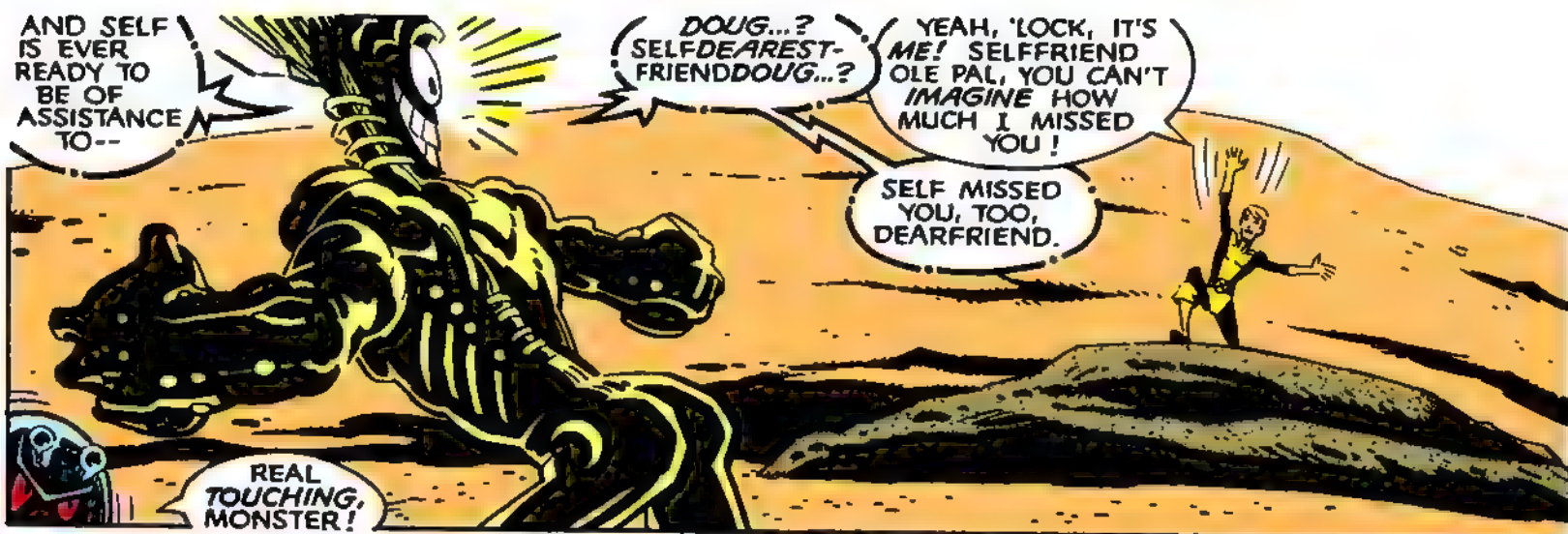


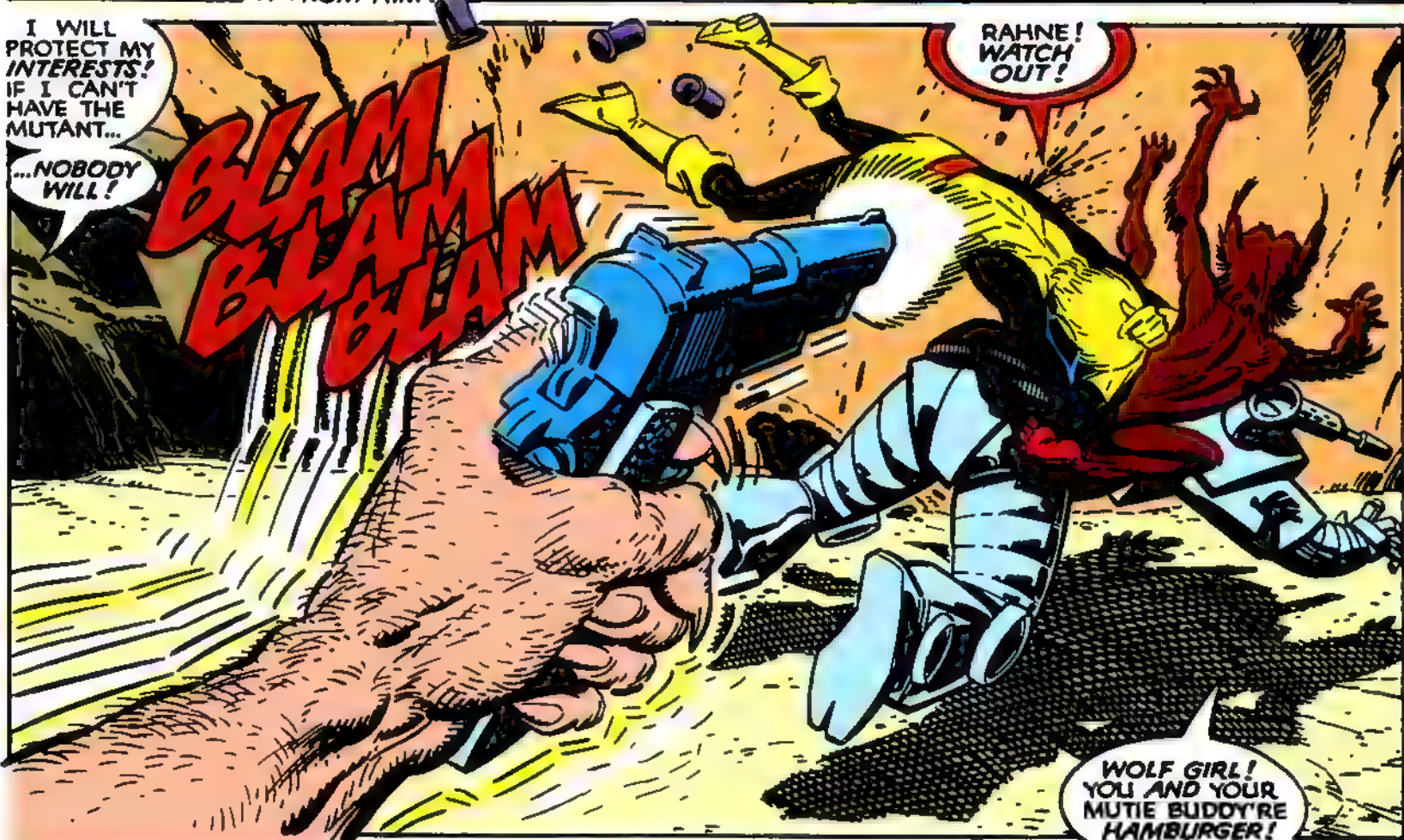
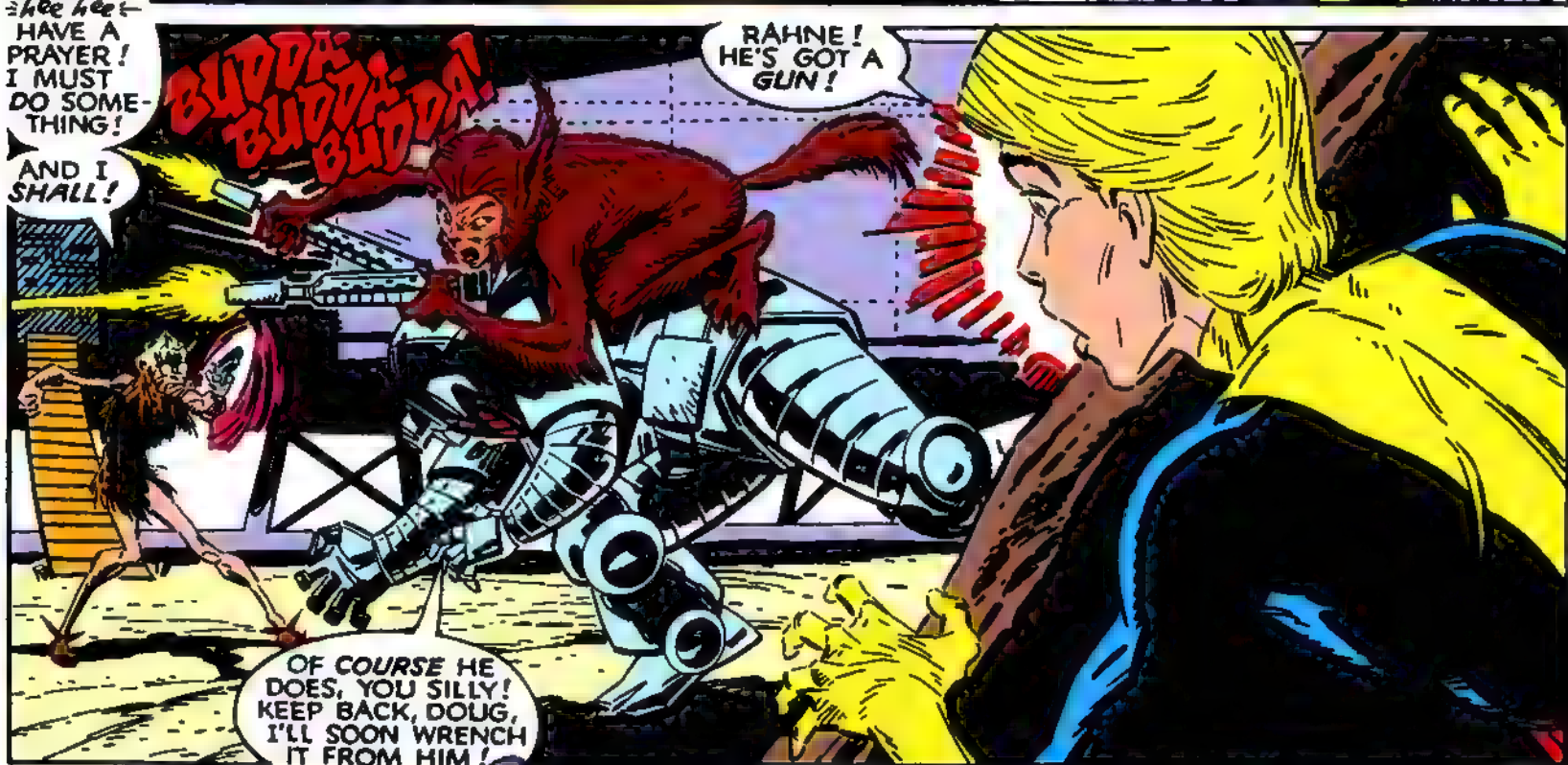
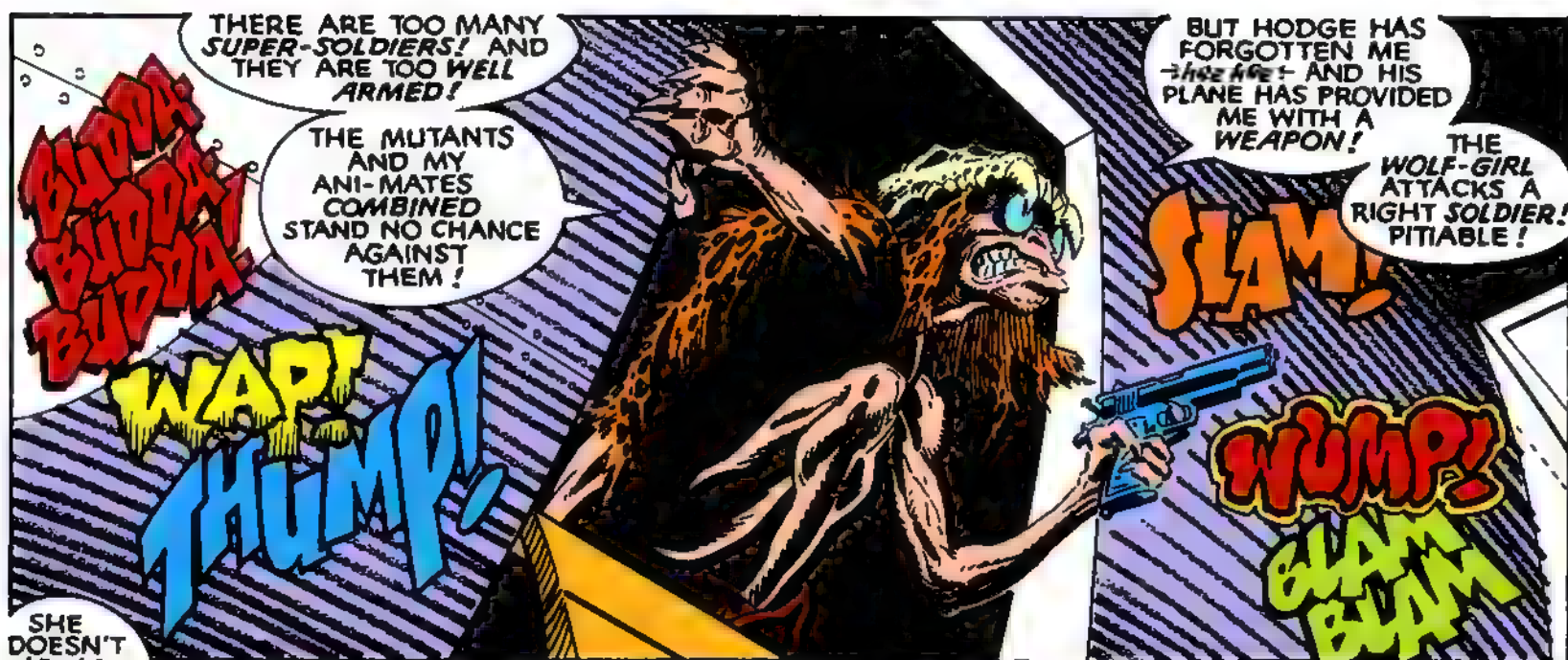


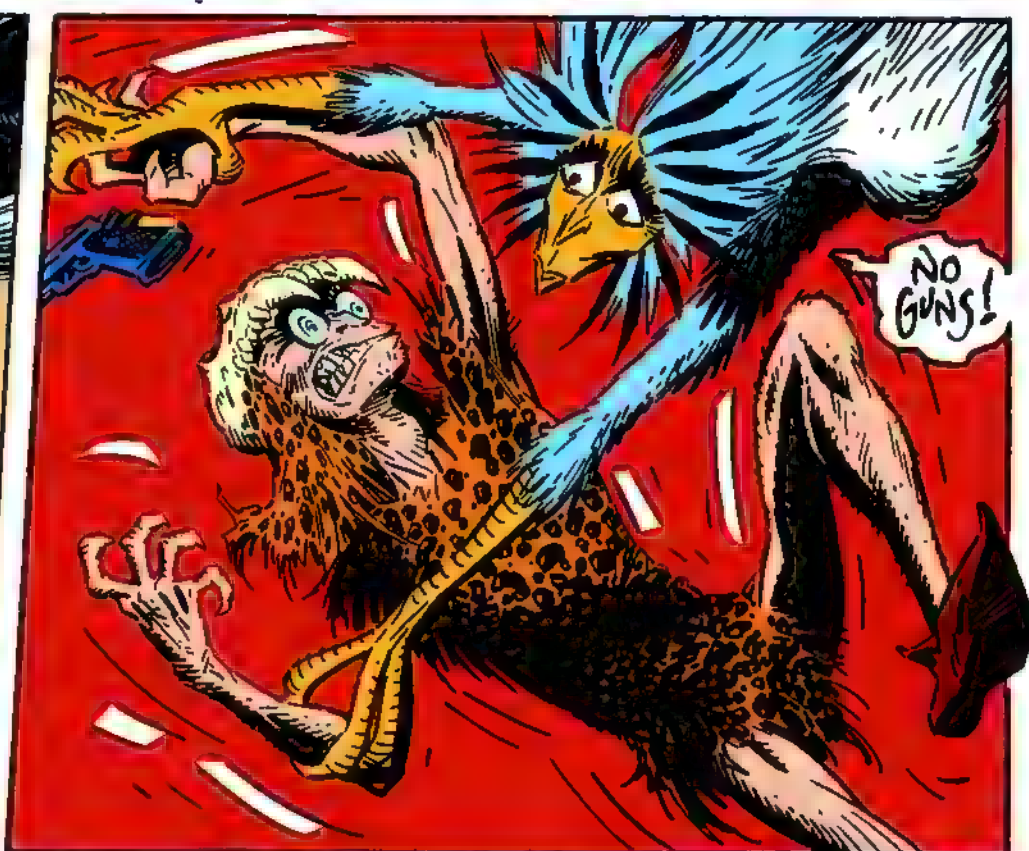
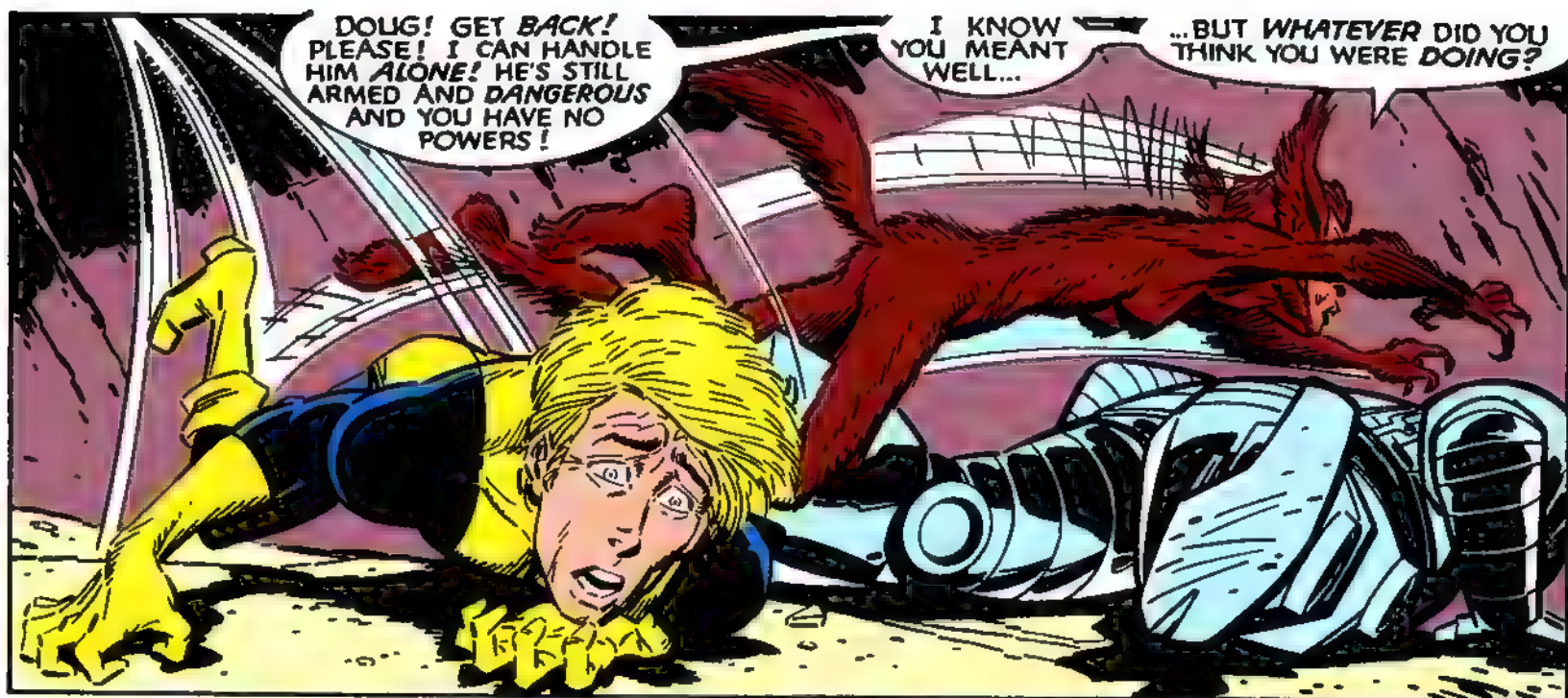


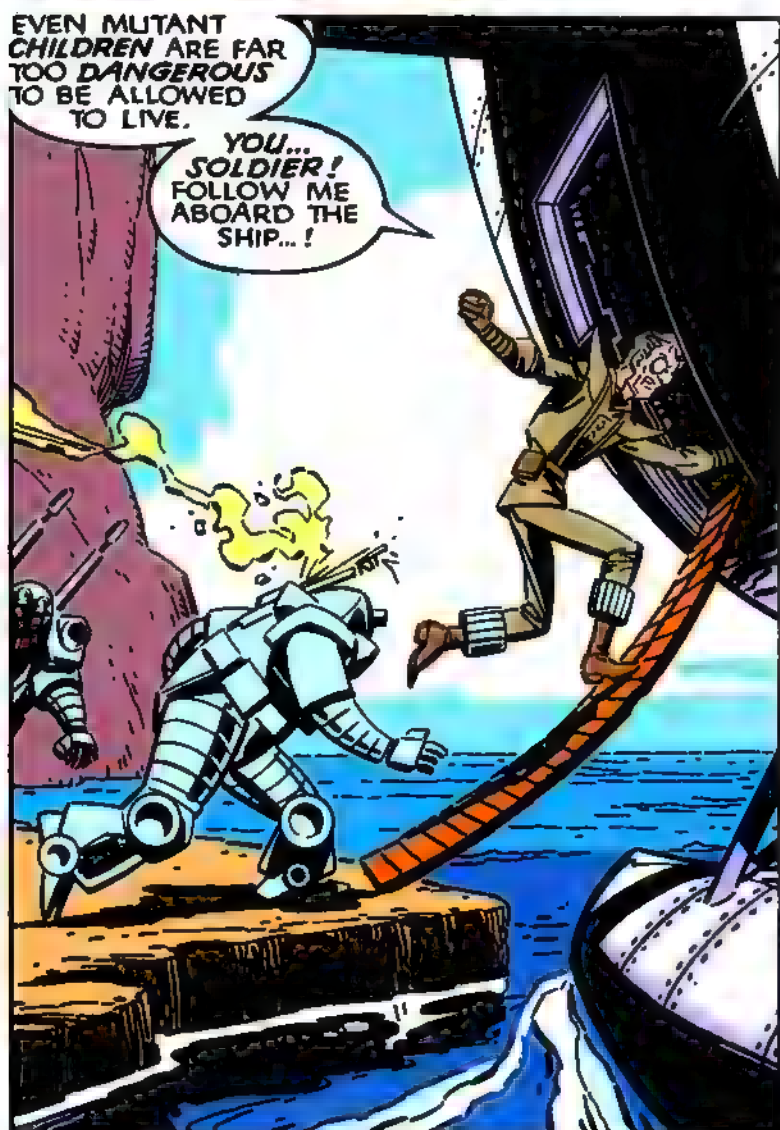
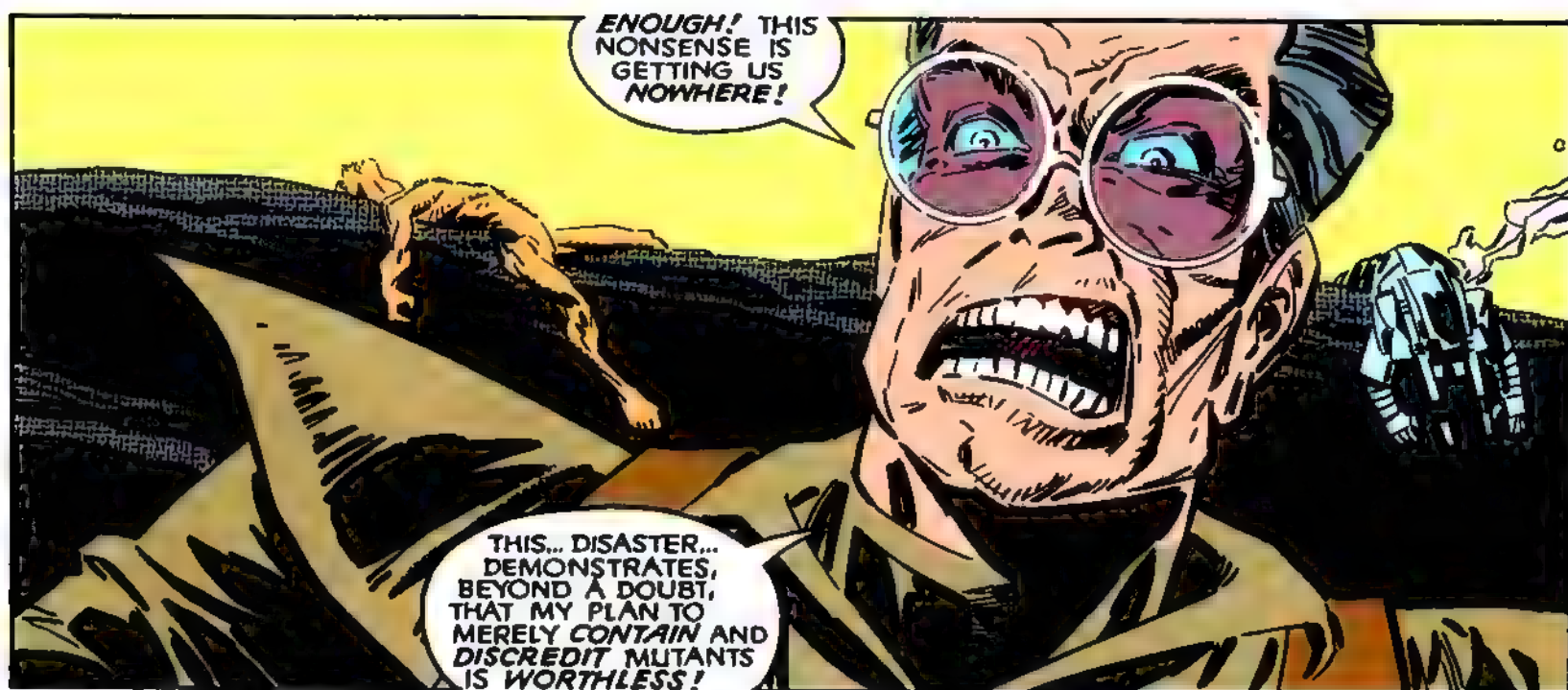


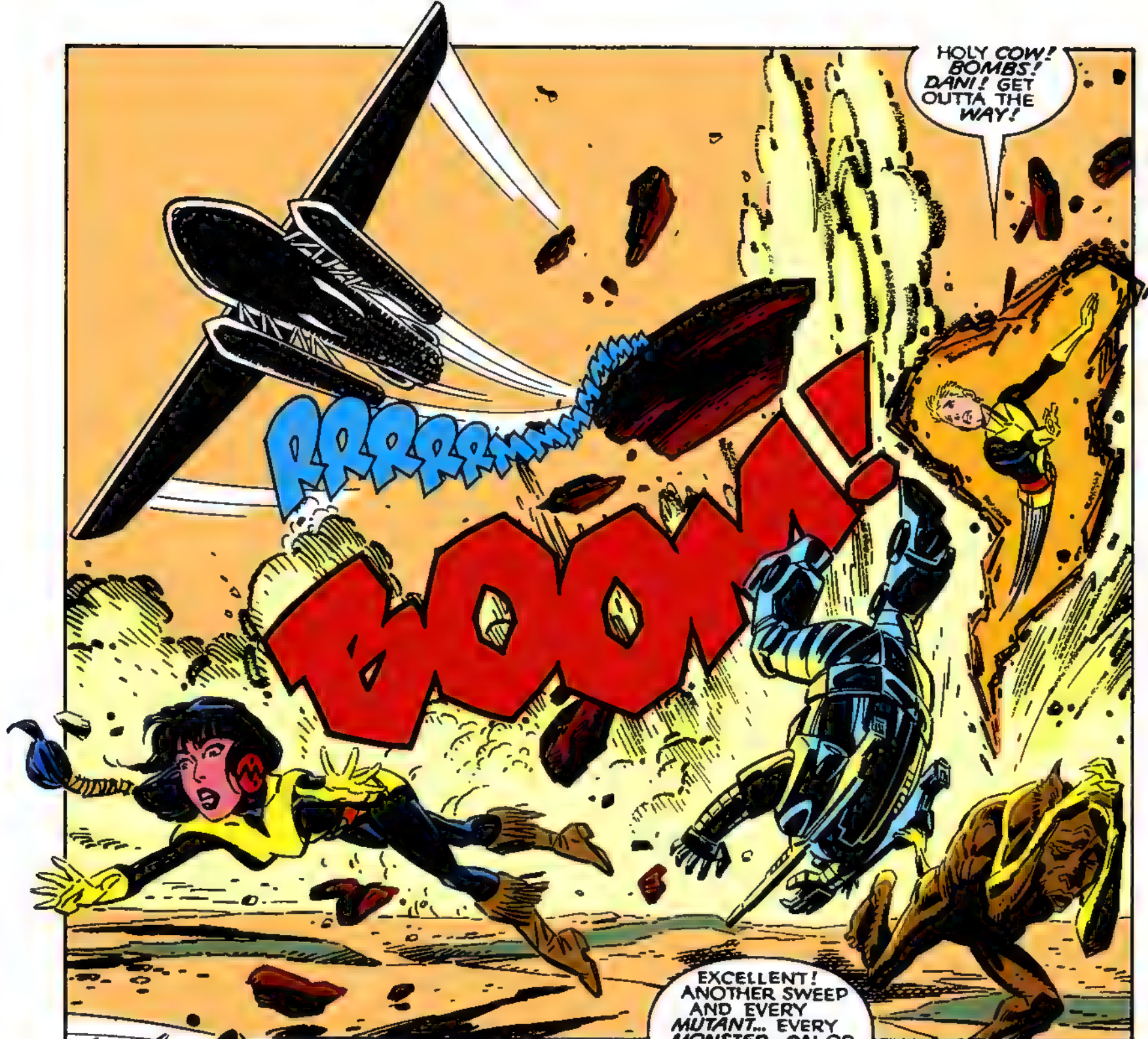




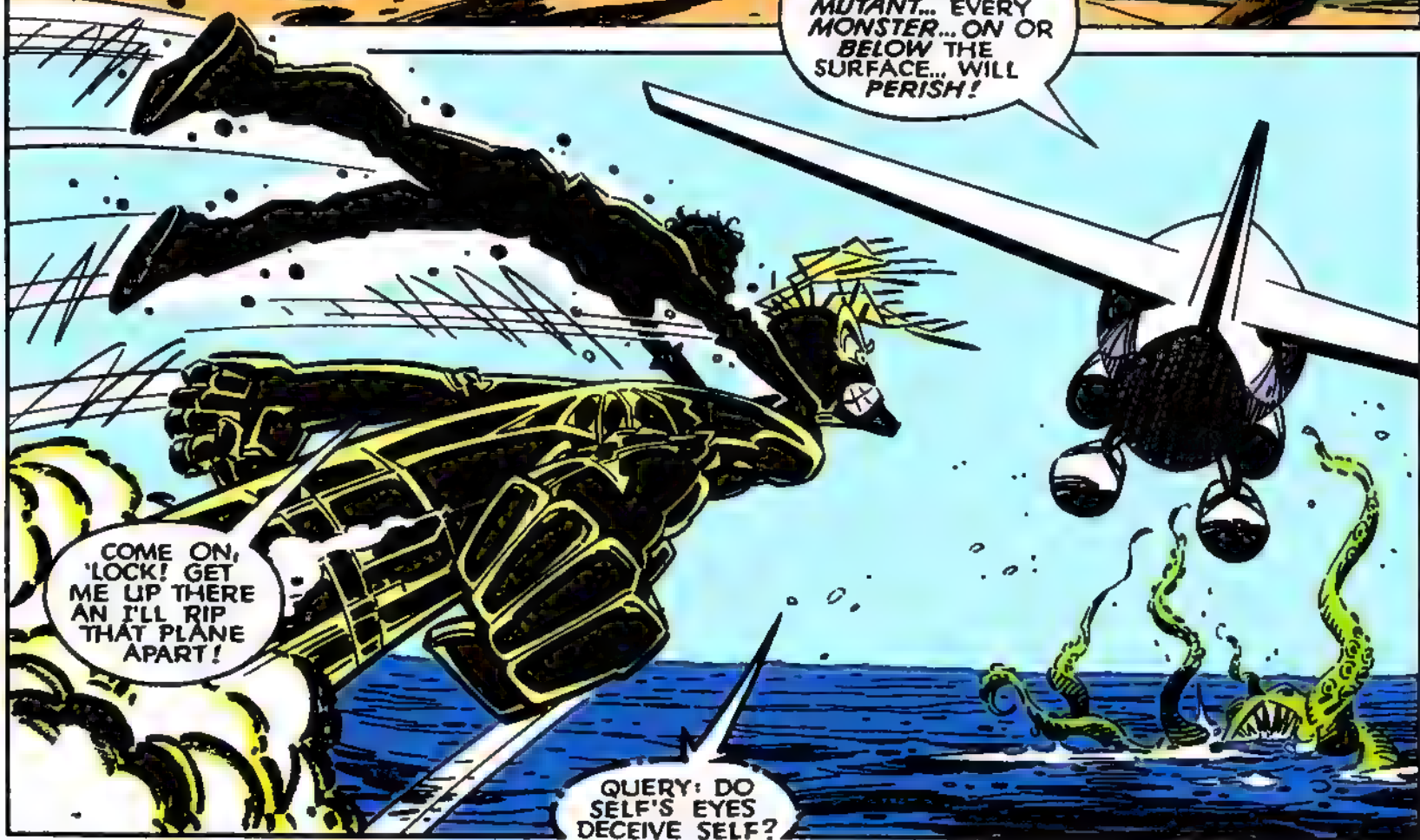


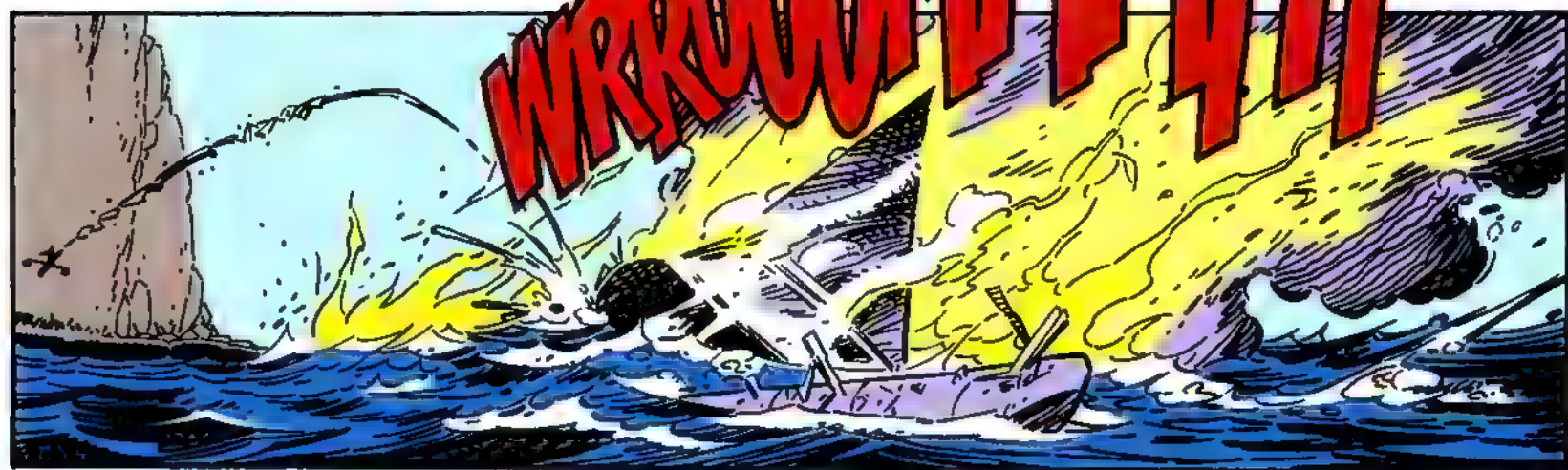
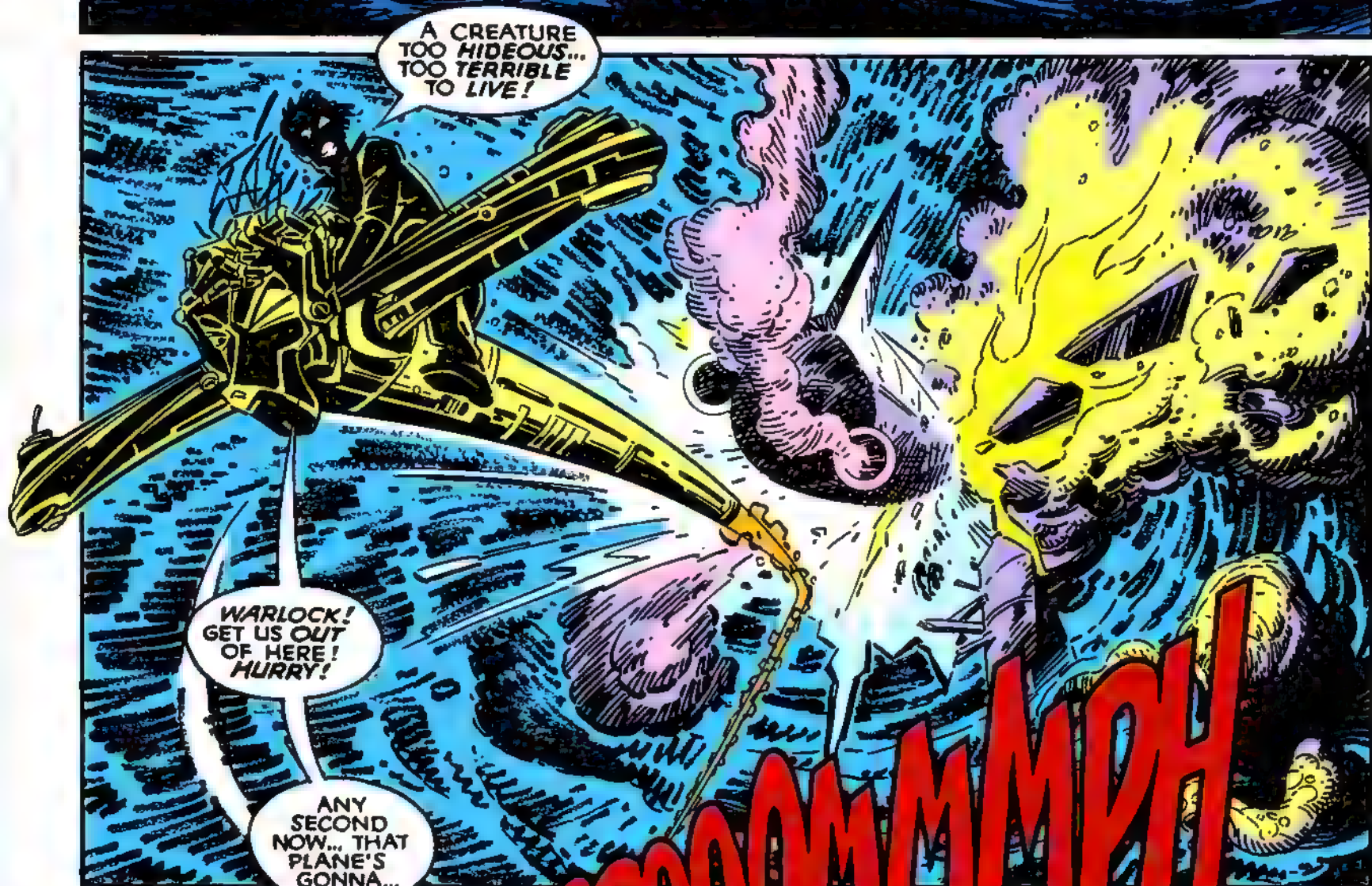
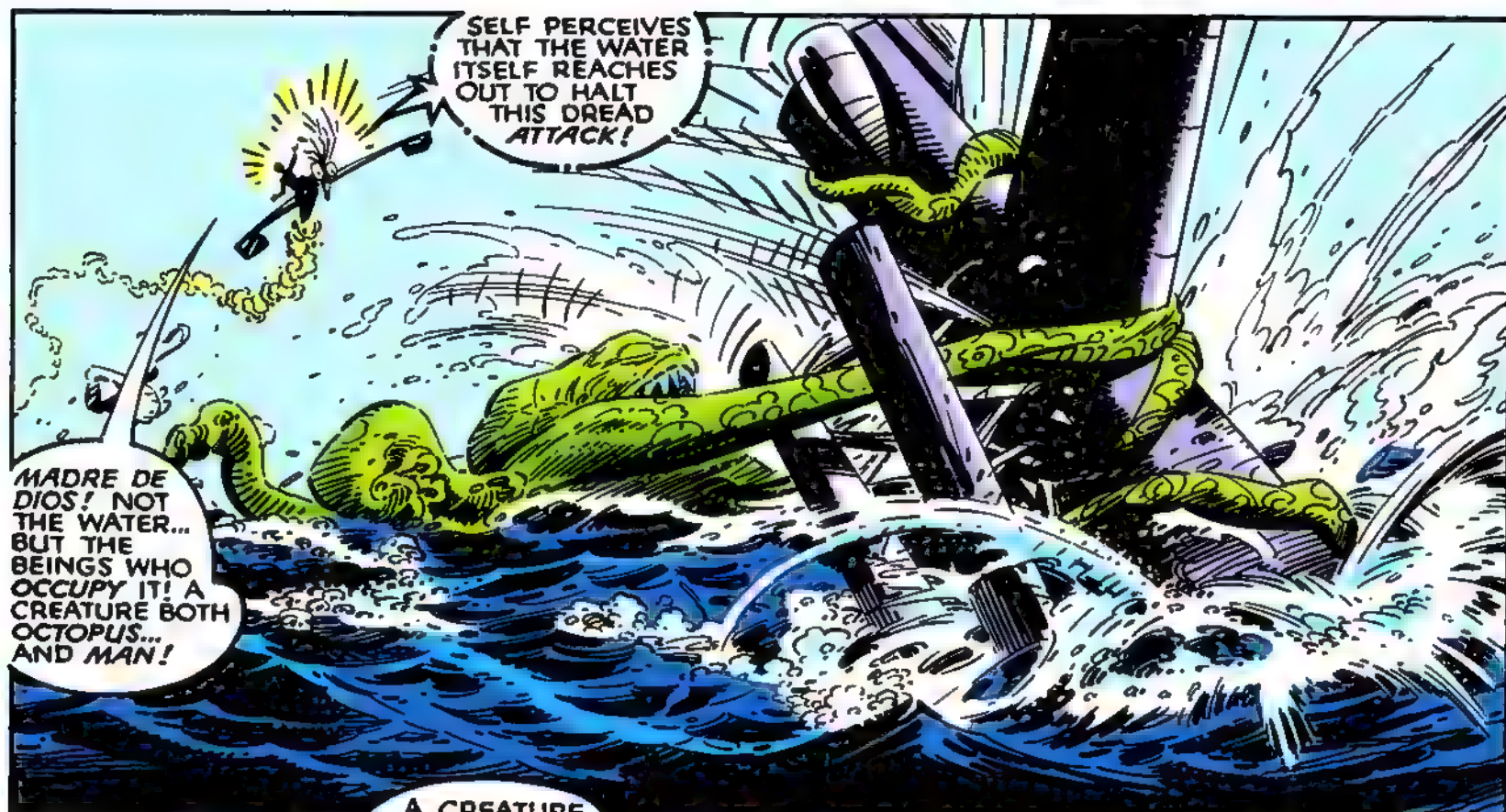






EXCELLENT!
ANOTHER SWEEP
AND EVERY
MUTANT... EVERY
MONSTER... ON OR
BELOW THE
SURFACE... WILL
PERISH!





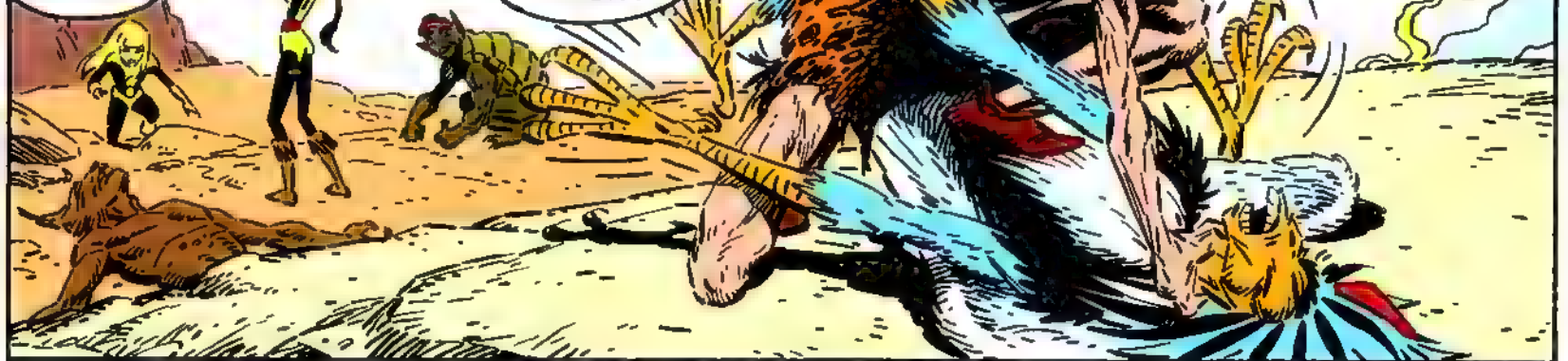
WHILE BACK ON SHORE...

ATTEND ME, CREATURE! THERE WERE TO BE NO STRANGERS! NOT A ONE! NOT EVER-- ON MY ISLAND!

KILL THE STRANGERS-- THAT IS THE LAW! AND YET YOU LED THEM HERE! FIRST THE YOUNG MUTANTS...

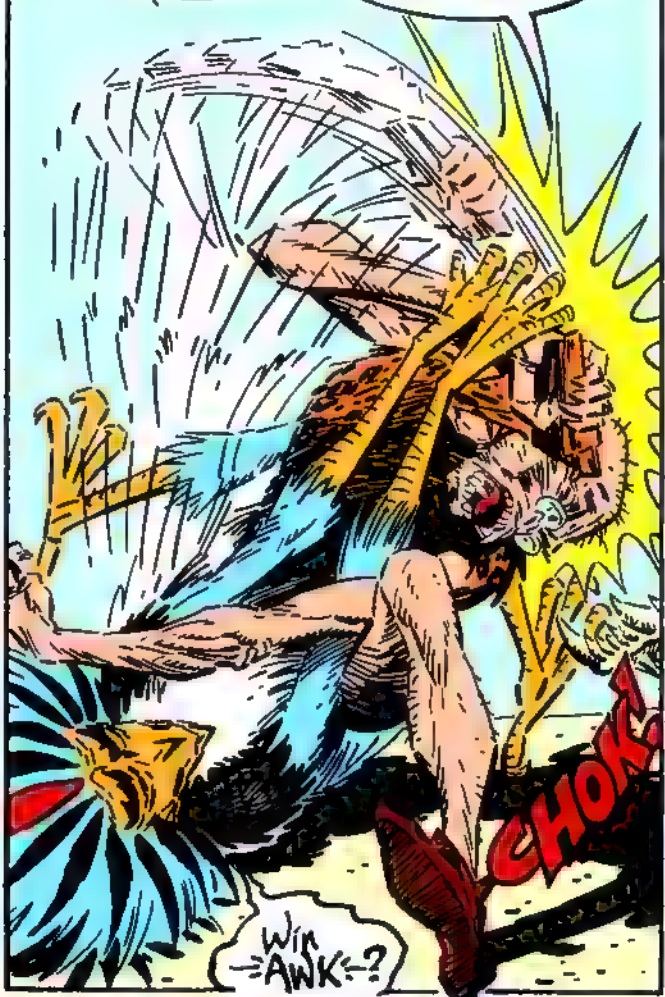
...THEN HODGE AND HIS RIGHT-HAND MEN --hee hee-- IF MEN THERE REALLY ARE BENEATH THAT ARMOR!

AK, WHAT A BATTLE! THEY CAME... THEY SAW... BUT THE MUTANTS HAVE CONQUERED --hee hee-- WHAT SUBJECTS THEY WOULD HAVE MADE!



YOU... MY BEST... MY FINEST CREATION...

...YOU HAVE DESTROYED ME! AND I...? I WILL DESTROY--



WIN --awk--! WIN! Ani-mates FREE!

AT LAST, AT LAST!

Oh, BIRD-BRAIN, I'M SO HAPPY FOR YOU! AND YOU WON, AND HAVE THE CROWN... OR WHATEVER IT IS...

...SO I GUESS THAT MAKES YOU THE LEADER AND...



...oh, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU!

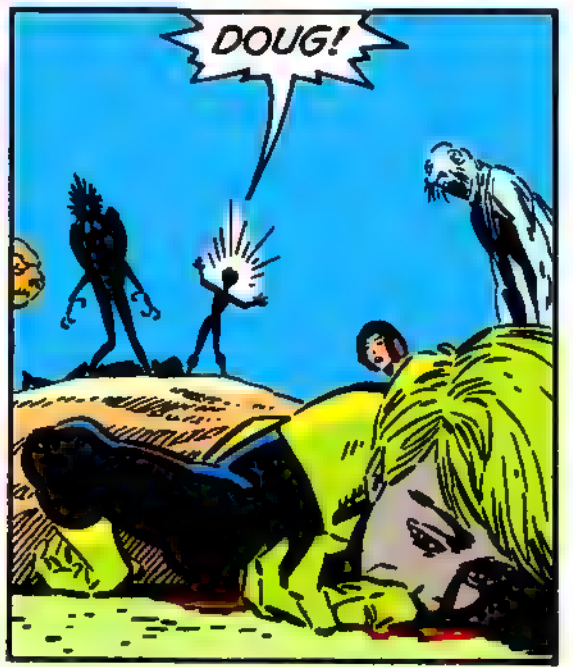
DOUG, DOUG, WHERE ARE YOU? IT'S SAFE TO COME OUT NOW! COME AND CONGRATULATE HIM!

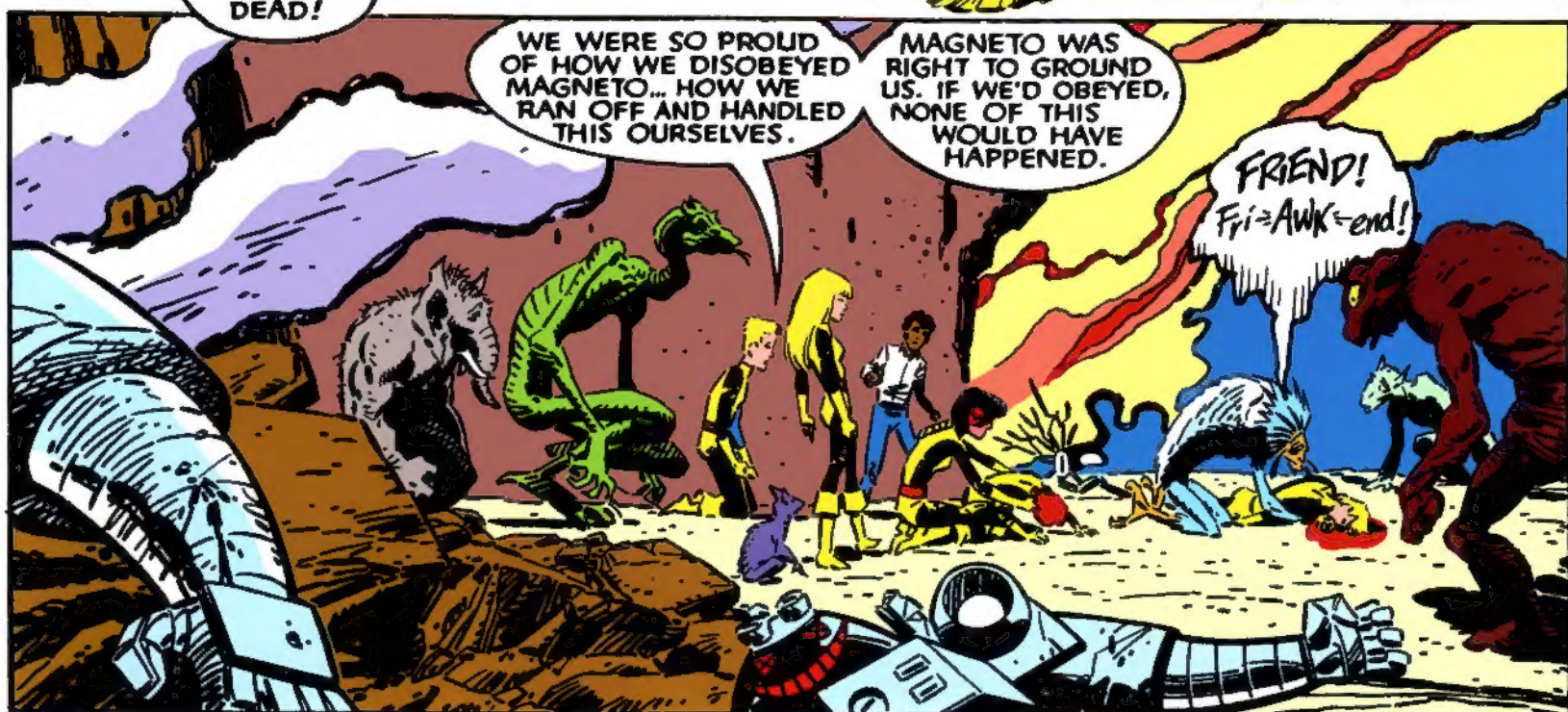
Oh... RAHNE... oh, NO!

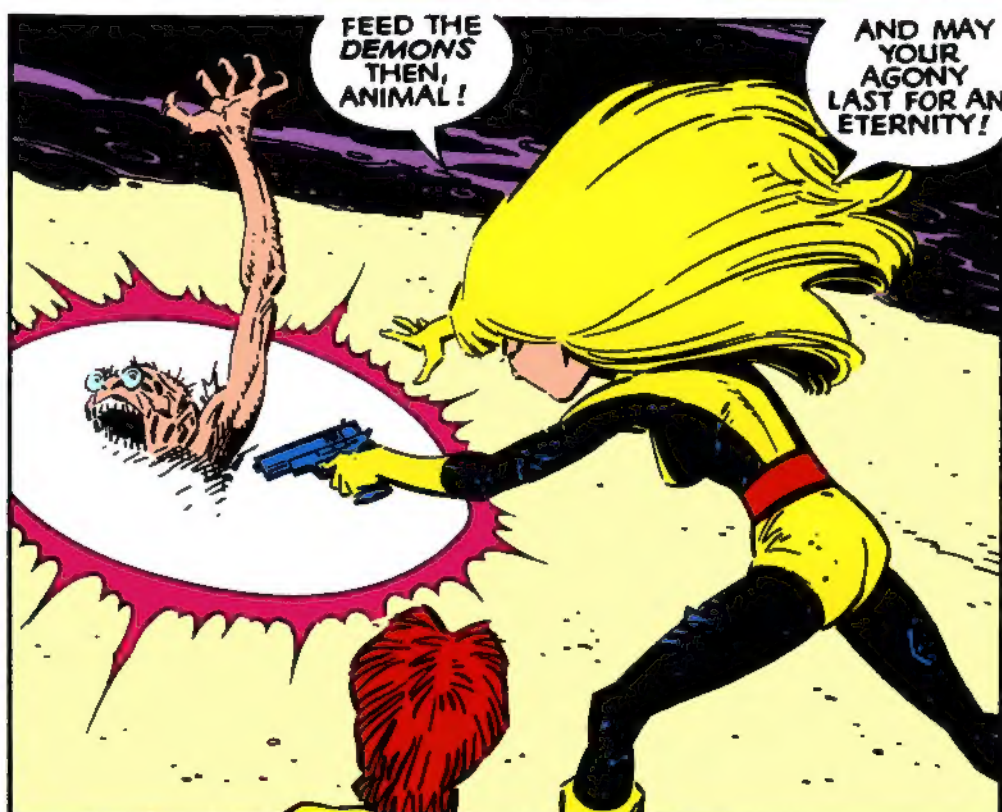
WHAT... WHAT IS IT, DANI?

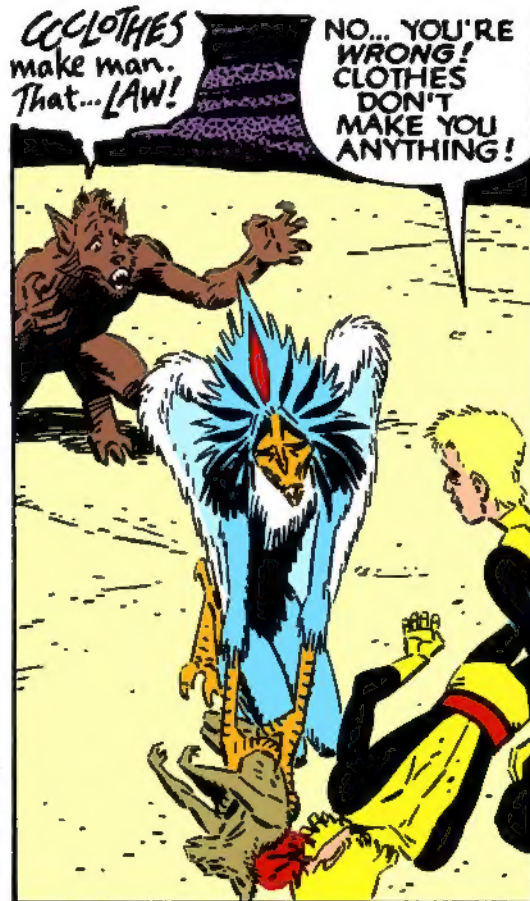


DOUG!









MAKIN' CHOICES IS WHAT MAKES YOU A MAN.

ANIMALS... THEY RUN ON INSTINCT! THEY DON'T THINK... THEY JUST DO WHAT THEY FEEL LIKE DOIN'!

BUT A MAN'S GOTTA SEE WHAT NEEDS DOIN'-- AN' THINK-- AN' DECIDE TA ACT LIKE ONE.

LIKE... LIKE DOUG DID. AN' TO HECK WITH THE CONSEQUENCES.

SOMETIMES MEN GET IT WRONG, BUT THAT'S WHAT CHOICE IS ALL ABOUT.

YOU COMIN' TA OUR RESCUE... LIKE DOUG CAME TO RAHNE'S... MAKES YOU ANI-MATES MORE HUMAN THAN A LOT OF FOLKS.



...AN' YOU'VE EARNED THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE NAMES FOR YOURSELVES!

IT... IT'S WHAT DOUG WOULD'VE WANTED.

NEXT: **TRUTH** AND CONSEQUENCES!

THE FALL OF THE MUTANTS



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Bob